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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

UConn sports deficit at \$47.2M

'Unsustainable' deficit in virus-stricken 2021 fiscal year one of the largest in college athletics

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

The UConn athletics department reported a \$47.2 million budget deficit for the 2021 fiscal year, up nearly \$4 million from the previous year, amid a COVID-19-stricken stretch in which the football team did not compete in the

fall of 2020 and both basketball teams held home games without fans during the 2020-21 season.

The deficit, which is one of the largest in college sports and called "unsustainable" by the school's senate budgetary committee, is offset each year by student fees and a university subsidy. After athletics was instructed to cut the subsidy

by 25% (to \$30 million) by 2023, the department announced in 2020 that it would cut four sports and institute other cost-saving measures.

In a statement, UConn said the athletics department "continues to work toward less reliance on institutional support and is on track to achieve a level more in line with its peers by the end of the next fiscal year." Its level of institutional support, \$42.6 million in FY2021, is projected to decrease to \$33.6

million in FY2022, the school said. "Our return to the Big East has helped position many of our

programs for future success and continues to play a positive role in our long-term fiscal future," the school said in a statement. "We look forward to a bright future and the continued success of UConn Athletics."

The financial statement, which

The financial statement, which accounts for expenses and revenue from July 2020 to June 2021, does not reflect the sport cuts for men's

tennis, men's swimming and diving and men's cross country. Women's rowing was among the programs initially on the chopping block but as part of a recent Title IX lawsuit settlement, the program will now be retained through at least the end of the 2026 spring season and will receive multiple upgrades.

The school reported over \$17.6 million less revenue than it did in FY2020, falling from \$76 million

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



COVID-19 tests were distributed at Wethersfield High School on Jan. 6. On Tuesday, the Biden administration rolled out a website for Americans to request four free at-home tests per address, to be shipped by the U.S. Postal Service. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

WAVE OF OMICRON DEATHS LIKELY

Estimate puts US toll at 50,000 to 300,000 more by mid-March; White House rolls out website for Americans to request free tests

By Carla K. Johnson Associated Press

The fast-moving omicron variant may cause less severe disease on average, but COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. are climbing and modelers forecast 50,000 to 300,000 more Americans could die by the time the wave subsides in mid-March.

The estimate came as the Biden administration Tuesday quietly launched its website for Americans to request free at-home COVID-19 tests, a day before the site was scheduled to officially go online.

The website, COVIDTests.gov, now includes

a link for Americans to access an order form run by the U.S. Postal Service. People can order four at-home tests per residential address, to be delivered by the Postal Service. It marks the latest step by President Joe Biden to address criticism of low inventory and long lines for testing during a nationwide surge in COVID-19 cases due to the omicron variant.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said the website was in "beta testing" and operating at a "limited capacity" ahead of its official launch. The website will officially launch Wednesday, Psaki said.

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HOW TO GET FREE TESTS: The website COVIDTests.gov includes a link for Americans to access an order form run by the U.S. Postal Service. People can order four free at-home tests per residential address, to be delivered by the Postal Service. The White House said "tests will typically ship within 7-12 days of ordering" through USPS, which reports shipping times of one to three days for its first-class package service in the continental United States.

Officials seek drug safety in schools

Hartford academy reopening today after fatal overdose

By Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

While Sport and Medical Sciences Academy prepared to reopen Wednesday following the death of a 13-year-old student in a fentanyl-related overdose, local and state officials on Tuesday discussed wide-ranging ideas on how to tackle drug safety, including mandating Narcan in schools and prosecuting suppliers and dealers

"I think we as a state, we as a society, have to come after those who are poisoning our kids in the most severe way possible," Gov. Ned Lamont said.

The Hartford student's death has renewed focus on the opioid crisis, which has been largely overshadowed by the coronavirus pandemic, despite troubling increases in fatal overdoses.

According to data from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, 1,374 people died in Connecticut due to accidental drug overdoses in 2020. Fentanyl was responsible for 70% of them, and is responsible for 85% drug overdoses overall

Officials expect to report "almost 1,500" fatal drug overdoses in 2021 once numbers are finalized, according to Susan Logan, director of the department's Injury and Violence Surveillance Unit.

"We know that our kids have been deeply affected by the last couple of years," Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said at a press conference outside the state Capitol. "I don't think anybody can draw a straight line from what we've experienced over the last few years to any particular tragedy, but it's

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Group hopes to keep Brainard open

Grassroots campaign touts century-old airport as an asset for city looking to attract new businesses

By Kenneth R. Gosselin Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A grassroots campaign to organize opposition to the closing of Hartford-Brainard Airport is taking shape as a city task force is poised to develop a plan for shutting down the stateowned airport and redeveloping it.

"A small airport like Brainard has such potential that it is a sin not to have our city [leaders] recognize that," said Michael Teiger, a Hartford pulmonologist and pilot who flies his single-engine Piper Saratoga out of Brainard for business and pleasure.

"What we are trying to do is slow down the movement by being very vocal about the benefits of the airport," he said.

Teiger is leading the formation of the Hartford-Brainard Airport Association, which drew 50 pilots, business owners and others to a

meeting earlier this month.

Teiger and other supporters of the airport say the city should use Brainard as an amenity to attract new businesses to relocate to Hartford. Improvements should be made that would, among other things, allow larger aircraft to fly in and out of the South Meadows airport, they said.

"Look at what Tweed is doing," Teiger said. "Tweed is expanding with commercial services down to Florida, and now Sikorsky is trying to expand because they see value."

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A grassroots campaign to keep the century-old Hartford-Brainard Airport open is taking shape. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Democrats assail plan to cut Newington polling places

Democratic state lawmakers are denouncing a proposal to reduce the number of polling places in Newington, saying it could depress voter turnout. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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Teiger also rejects the notion that the airport is solely the province of smaller recreational aircraft, pointing out the aviation-related businesses that are located at Brainard, including flight training schools. CT Aero Tech School for Aviation offers aircraft maintenance training for those seeking a career in the field, Teiger said.

The Connecticut Airport Authority, which oversees Brainard's operations, has said it has no plans to close the airport. But there are other avenues, including through the state legisla-

Not the right fit?

The Hartford City Council has approved a non-binding resolution supporting decommissioning, closure and redevelopment of the airport. In October, it also backed the formation of a task force that would outline the best path for shuttering Brainard and options for redevel-

"The whole point of decommissioning is to finally make some good use of the 200 acres that's there, and that's development that benefits the city of Hartford and its constituents," said Councilman James Sanchez, a Democrat, a vocal proponent of redeveloping Brainard. "It's not that we hate pilots and aircraft. It's not the right

The South Meadows Area Redevelopment Task Force is expected to begin its work in late February, with a deadline of 90 days to produce its recommendations.

Critics of the airport, including Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and state Sen. John W. Fonfara, D-Hartford, say the 200-acre airfield is at the enviable intersection of two interstate highways and with frontage on the riverfront.



Air Force veteran Jesse Branche works on an airplane at V.I.P. Avionics at Hartford-Brainard Airport last summer. The Hartford City Council previously approved a nonbinding resolution supporting decommissioning, closure and redevelopment of the airport. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

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Brainard's space would be better targeted for a mixed-use development, including housing, entertainment venues, shops and a marina, that would draw visitors and new residents into the Hartford area and provide a muchneeded boost to the city's tax coffers, they say.

Sanchez said he has watched the development plans unfold on the opposite side of the Connecticut River in East Hartford and it was time Hartford did the

Metropolitan District Commission, the regional water and sewer authority, already had its

eye on the airport well over a decade ago.

In 2006, the MDC spearheaded a proposal calling for nearly 7 million square feet of commercial and manufacturing space, stores, apartments, a marina, a rebuilt trashto-energy plant and a river

The MDC plan was headed up by William DiBella, the agency's chairman and a former Democratic state Senate majority leader.

No other conceptual plans for the area exist besides the 2006 vision advanced by the MDC.

Since then, the decision has been made to close the trash-to-energy plant in June, potentially expanding the redevelopment potential to 300 acres.

But building on the property, especially the trashto-energy plant, could take years and require an environmental clean-up that could cost millions of dollars.

But the debate over whether Brainard should remain open isn't new. It stretches back to the late 1950s when the size of the airport was dramatically reduced to make way for development in the South Meadows.

Teiger said he is not deterred by high-profile political opposition pushing for the Hartford airport's closure, vowing that the

fledgling association would hire attorneys and a lobbyist to press its case, if neces-

Teiger pointed to a 2016 legislative report that recommended further investment in Brainard, rather than redevelopment. Redevelopment, the report said, would be too costly, require large public subsidies and take at least two decades. The report has been dismissed by Fonfara and others who favor redevelopment.

"Nothing has changed since that report," Teiger

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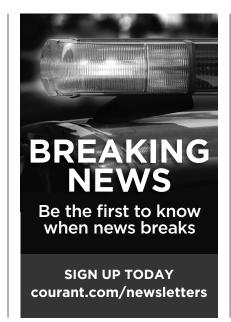
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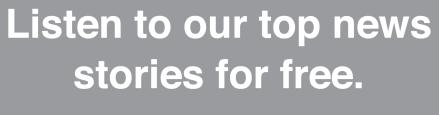
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"Our return to the Big East has helped position many of our programs for future success and continues to play a positive role in our long-term fiscal future. We look forward to a bright future and the continued success of UConn Athletics."

Excerpt from a statement released by UConn

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to \$58.3 million, in large part because of the lack of fans. Ticket sales for the football and both basketball teams accounted for nearly \$9 million of UConn's revenue in the previous fiscal year which only reflected spring sports that were impacted by COVID-19 — but just \$106,052 in FY2021.

With spectators now allowed at games and the Huskies back in the Big East, UConn announced in October men's basketball saw the most XL Center season tickets purchased since the 2011-12 season and the most at Gampel Pavilion since 2015-16. Women's basketball fans bought the most Gampel season tickets since 2007-08.

In addition, given the COVID-19-hampered sports scene, UConn and Learfield, a collegiate sports marketing company, negotiated an adjusted guarantee that went from \$12.2 million in FY2020 to \$6.2 million, according to a school spokesman.

The pandemic and the school's return to the Big East also brought about some \$18 million in savings compared to FY2020. Recruiting, team travel, game expenses and leases/ rentals — football did not play at Rentschler Field and basketball did not compete at the XL Center in 2020-21 — were among the impacted

Effective FY2021, the school also changed how scholarships are calculated, which will not save money but will make its deficit appear, in this case, nearly \$4.5 million smaller. The school used to "charge" the full tuition rate for athletes, but now UConn is using the in-state rate.

Donations are not accounted for in the statement, but they have nonetheless been flooding in. UConn Athletics has reported \$47.8 million donated or pledged across the past two fiscal years, the highest two-year total in school history.

All that said, sports aren't necessarily costing the university \$47 million. Although the annual financial report accounts for athlete scholarship as an expense, that money doesn't change hands when those students attend for free. In addition, the rent UConn pays the Capital Region Development Authority, a publicly run entity, could be thought of as a budget transfer. The school makes money off athletics in other ways not reflected in the report, such as alumni engagement and admissions.

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Ethiopian diaspora torn by ethnic tensions

By Helina Selemon Associated Press

Thousands of miles away from the war in Ethiopia, the ethnic cracks have started to show in an Ethiopian church in Ohio, in a lawsuit between trustees and clergy.

The original trustees of the Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Columbus have accused its clergy of switching the language of services from Amharic, the national language of Ethiopia, to Tigrinya, the language of the Tigray region. They say the clergy is taking sides in a war between Tigray leaders and the Amhara, allied with the Ethiopian government, with an estimated tens of thousands of dead.

The clergy in the church in Columbus, which is home to about 40,000 Ethiopian Americans, says Tigrinya was added on as a language rather than replacing Amharic to better reach the congregation. Church leaders say the changes weren't political in nature.

The tensions in the church reflect how the war in Ethiopia has fueled divides across the more than 3 million members of the

"The Ethiopian social fabric ... has been torn apart," said Tewodros Tirfe, chairman of the Amhara Association of America, based in North Carolina.

The war started a little over a year ago, when a political dispute between Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiv Ahmed and the Tigray leaders erupted into violence after a dispute over elections. It has now spiraled to

where some Tigrayans are starving under a government blockade and atrocities have been reported on all sides, with the worst and most to date reported against Tigrayan civilians.

The conflict entered a new phase in late December when the Tigray forces withdrew into the Tigray region after approaching the capital, Addis Ababa, but are being pushed back by a drone-supported military offensive.

Deep disagreements about the nature and even the facts of the conflict are splintering families, friends and communities in the diaspora. Some consider themselves supporters of Tigray or of its political leaders, who belong to a party called the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front, or TPLF. They argue that Tigrayans are being threatened with genocide - profiled, persecuted and killed for their ethnicity.

Saba Desta, who works in health insurance in New York, worries that ordinary people are being forgotten. Desta said she's tried to get her parents out of the northern city of Shire in Tigray, but her father is ill and unable to leave without a nurse's assistance.

"It's been breaking me, reading the reports of closing of hospitals and health centers, the restricted access to medicine," she said. "I can only believe that he's OK, that he's alive. I only have this hope to bank on."

Desta said five of her cousins, all brothers, were shot to death in front of their elderly mother by the military from neighboring Eritrea, which has been in Tigray alongside Ethiopian soldiers. Their mother died shortly after "from heartbreak," she said.

Other Ethiopians see this as a necessary war against Tigray leaders, who once ruled Ethiopia and were accused of human rights abuses while growing the country's economy.

The former ruling coalition, dominated by Tigray leaders representing 6% of the nation, appointed Abiy as prime minister in 2018, a choice largely celebrated by Ethiopians across the globe as a step toward peace and unity. Abiy transformed the federal coalition into a single Prosperity Party, and Tigrayan leaders later with-

Many Ethiopians feel that Tigray leaders are angry because Abiy leads with more than Tigray's interests in mind as he seeks to centralize power.

"I had been there since they were established, and I had seen their plans when I was very young, and that never changed," said Teferi Zemene, a Toronto-based union organizer who grew up watching the TPLF rise to power three decades ago.

Zemene returned to Canada recently after 2 ½ months in Ethiopia. He visited his hometown of Dabat, about 45 miles from the northern Amhara city of Gondar, and asserted that it was destroyed by Tigray

"If you see Dabat now, you would cry. They devastated the place. There's no place to even rest," he said.

Zemene said he lost relatives in the war and that he felt "the need to fight." He and other Ethiopians who

oppose the Tigray forces have expressed concern that the international community and even foreign media are bent on promoting inter-

vention by the U.S. 'We should be able to solve our problems ourselves," he said. "We

didn't ask for any help." The complexity of the war has made some rethink their position on it. Ethiopian American journalist and activist Hermela Aregawi advocated for humanitarian work to help Tigray in the early days, but eventually distanced herself from those fundraising efforts when she felt they became politically moti-vated in favor of Tigrayan

"I'm Tigrayan, I care about Tigrayans, I care about Ethiopians as a whole," Aregawi said.

Negasi Beyene, a biostatistician and human rights activist in Washington, feels similarly.

"My motto is, humanity before ethnicity," he said.

Growing up in Mekele, the capital of Tigray, during an earlier war, Beyene felt pressured to choose between the TPLF and other political groups when he was just 17, and kids his age were either killed or recruited to fight. He ultimately sided against the TPLF, and holds what he considers a minority view among Tigrayans that they started the current war.

"My sister, brother, I don't talk to them," he said. "Because they think TPLF is doing good . Maybe the TPLF idea — if you're not with us, you're against us has penetrated all of soci-

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There were isolated reports Tuesday of issues relating to the website's address verification tool erroneously enforcing the four-per-household cap on apartment buildings and other multi-unit dwellings, but it was not clear how widespread the issue was.

At points Tuesday more than 750,000 people were accessing the website at the same time, according to public government tracking data, but it was not known how many orders were

She added that the administration was anticipating a "bug or two," but had IT experts from across the government working to get the site ready.

Biden announced last month that the U.S. would purchase 500 million at-home tests to launch the program and Thursday the president announced that he was doubling the order to 1 billion tests.

But Americans shouldn't expect a rapid turnaround on the orders, and they will have to plan ahead and request the tests well before they meet federal guidelines

for when to use a test. The White House said "tests will typically ship within 7-12 days of ordering" through USPS, which reports shipping times of 1-3 days for its first-class package service in the continen-



Staffers cover the body of a COVID-19 patient Dec.14 at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Los Angeles. JAEC. HONG/AP

tal United States.

But initially, the effort to get tests in lots of people's hands nationwide will likely be drawn out and not put much of a dent in the current surge.

The seven-day rolling average for daily new COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. has been trending upward since mid-November, reaching nearly 1,700 on Jan. 17 still below the peak of 3,300 in January 2021. COVID-19 deaths among nursing home residents started rising slightly two weeks ago, although still at a rate 10 times less than last year before most residents were vaccinated.

Despite signs omicron causes milder disease on average, the unprecedented level of infection spreading through the country, with cases still soaring in many states, means many vulnerable people will become severely sick. If the higher end of projections comes to

pass, that would push total U.S. deaths from COVID-19 over 1 million by early spring.

"A lot of people are still going to die because of how transmissible omicron has been," said University of South Florida epidemiologist Jason Salemi. "It unfortunately is going to get worse before it gets better."

But the notion that a generally less severe variant could still take the lives of thousands of people has been difficult for health experts to convey. The math of it — that a small percentage of a very high number of infections can yield a very high number of deaths — is difficult to visualize.

"Overall, you're going to see more sick people even if you as an individual have a lower chance of being sick," said Katriona Shea of Penn State University, who co-leads a team that pulls together several pandemic models and shares the

the White House. The wave of deaths head-

combined projections with

ing for the United States will crest in late January or early February, Shea said. In early February, weekly deaths could equal or exceed the delta peak and possibly even surpass the previous U.S. peak in deaths last year.

Some unknown portion of these deaths are among people infected with the delta variant, but experts say omicron is also claiming lives.

Yet, new evidence from nearly 70,000 patients in Southern California suggests omicron is causing milder illness than delta.

A study found patients with omicron had a 53% lower risk of hospitalization with respiratory symptoms, a 74% lower risk of ICU admission and a 91% lower risk of death. The study, which has not yet been peer reviewed, comes from researchers at Kaiser Permanente and University of California, Berkeley.

"It's hard for me to say straight out it's good news,' said study co-author Sara Y. Tartof, a Kaiser Permanente research scientist. "Maybe there's good news in the sense that if you are infected your chance of becoming severely ill are decreased, but from a societal perspective it's a very heavy burden for us. It remains a serious situation, and we need to maintain practices and behaviors we know protect

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important to acknowledge that we've got to focus on the mental health and wellness of our kids broadly."

Despite the rise in fatal overdoses, they remain extremely rare among children and young adults. Of the more than 7,500 people who died from drug overdose in Connecticut between 2015 and Dec. 9. 2021, only one was younger than 14. Just over 6% were between 15 and 24.

The state Department of Education will soon conduct a survey to learn how many school nurses currently have access to Narcan, the brand name for naloxone, a powerful medication that can reverse opioid overdoses.

Forty-eight percent of surveyed public school nurses said they had access to the drug in a similar survey conducted in 2019,

according to Charlene Russell-Tucker, department commissioner.

Gov. Ned Lamont said he'd "like to talk to the public health officials" before mandating that schools stock and train nurses on Narcan, but was open to the idea.

"We know we made Narcan more widely available than ever before. I know that all our first responders have access to Narcan. I know they're trained in Narcan," Lamont said. "But if the public health people tell me Narcan at the nurse's office at the school can save lives, that's something we're

going to do." "It's very rare for a young person, an adolescent, to die from a drug overdose, so this is a very tragic event," Logan said. "But I don't think that these events are going to go away, so I recommend that all schools carry naloxone."

Bronin pushed back on the recent emphasis on Narcan availability among school districts. Emergency responders, who are usually on the scene of an emergency within minutes, he said, already carry Narcan with them.

Opioid overdoses can also be difficult to rapidly detect without adequate training, Bronin said.

Naloxone has no effect on people who do not have opioids in their system, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Officials also floated looking into holding suppliers and dealers accountable for lacing drugs with fatal levels of fentanyl.

'These are murders," said State Sen. Saud Anwar (D-South Windsor), who described a bipartisan push across several committees in the legislature to move drug safety policy forward.

"You're an accessory to

manslaughter," Gov. Ned

Lamont said. "Like [Anwar] said, you're an accessory to a murder, and you should be accountable when you do this to our kids and open up that exposure."

 $Other\, \bar{lawmakers}\, pushed$ parents to continue to communicate the risks of drug use with children, and monitor their text messages and social media channels for signs of drug use.

State Rep. Liz Linehan (D-Cheshire), co-chair of the legislature's Committee on Children, recommended online tools like bark.us and Oustodio.

In the upcoming legislative session, the committee will put forward full funding for a statewide program for teachers and coaches to help young people who are using opioids to access treatment.

Bronin said this weekend's tragedy is an "opportunity to think about what we collectively can do, here in Hartford, but also at a

statewide level and beyond, to expand the formal awareness and training efforts that we undertake.

SMSA to open on Wednesday

Sport and Medical Science Academy is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday with a two-hour delay.

The school had been closed since last Thursday, when the boy overdosed on what police said was fentanyl. Officials from Hartford's Department of Health and Human Services decontaminated the areas where police later found nearly 40 bags of the drug, and a state certified lab technician collected wipe samples to test for leftover traces.

Initial test results received late Monday showed "one of the samples coming back slightly over the limit," according to a district spokesperson. The wipe sample process

was repeated Monday night and revealed no contamina-"The school has been

completely and thoroughly decontaminated and cleaned. It is now safe for all students and staff to return." Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez, superintendent of Hartford Public Schools, said in an email to families.

Fourteen district support staff, including social workers and school counselors, as well as therapy dogs will be at the school and available to students for support, according to the email. Additional resources for teachers and staff will also be available.

A Hartford police patrol car will also be at the school during student arrival and dismissal this week.

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Steep climb begins on Capitol Hill

Senate Democrats open debate on voting legislation

By Lisa Mascaro Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Voting legislation that Democrats and civil rights leaders say is vital for protecting democracy appeared headed for defeat as the Senate opened debate Tuesday, a devastating setback enabled by President Joe Biden's own party as two holdout senators refuse to support rule changes to overcome a Republican filibuster.

The Democratic senators, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, faced strong criticism from Black leaders and civil rights organizations for failing to take on what critics call the "Jim Crow filibuster."

The debate carries echoes of an earlier era when the Senate filibuster was deployed in lengthy speeches by opponents of civil rights legislation. It comes as Democrats and other voting advocates nationwide warn that Republican-led states are passing laws making it more difficult for Black Americans and others to vote by consolidating polling locations, requiring certain types of identification and ordering other changes.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer acknowledged the current bill's likely defeat this week. But he said the fight is not over as he heeds advocates' call to force all senators to go on record with their positions.

"The eyes of the nation will be watching what happens this week,"



Rallygoers on the Capitol steps Tuesday urge the Senate to pass a voting rights bill. **SARAHBETH MANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Schumer said as he opened the session Tuesday.

This is the fifth time the Senate will try to pass voting legislation this Congress.

The Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act combines earlier bills into one package that would make Election Day a national holiday, ensure access to early voting and mail-in ballots — which have become especially popular during the COVID-19 pandemic— and enable the Justice Department to intervene in states with a history of voter interference, among other changes.

Both Manchin and Sinema say they support the package, which has passed the House, but they are unwilling to change the Senate rules to muscle it through that chamber over Republican objections. With a 50-50 split, Democrats have a narrow Senate majority — Vice President Kamala Harris can break a tie — but they lack the 60 votes needed to overcome the GOP filibuster.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who led his party in doing away with the filibuster's 60-vote threshold for Supreme Court nominees during Donald Trump's presidency, warned off changing the rules again. He said Tuesday it would "break the Senate."

Democratic senators countered in speeches from the Senate floor that with Republicans objecting to the voting legislation they have no choice.

Just as Manchin and Sinema blocked Biden's broad "Build Back Better" domestic spending package, the two are now dashing hopes for the second major part of Biden's presidential agenda. They are infuriating many of their colleagues and faced a barrage of criticism during Martin Luther King Jr. Day events.

Once reluctant himself to change Senate rules, Biden used the King holiday to press senators to do just that. But the push from the White House, including Biden's blistering speech last week in Atlanta comparing opponents to segregationists, is seen as too late, coming as the president ends his first year in office with his popularity sagging.

"The president's view is that the American people deserve to see where their leaders stand on protecting their fundamental rights,' said White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki.

The Senate launched what could become a dayslong debate, but the outcome is expected to be no different from past failed votes on the legislation. Biden has been unable to persuade Sinema and Manchin to join other Democrats to change the rules to lower the 60-vote

threshold. In fact, Sinema upstaged the president last week, reiterating her opposition to the rules changes just before Biden arrived on Capitol Hill to court senators' votes.

Senators have been working nonstop for weeks on rule changes that could win support from Sinema and Manchin. The two, both moderates, have expressed openness to discussing the ideas, but have not given their backing.

Both Manchin and Sinema have argued that preserving the filibuster rules, requiring the 60-vote majority to pass most legislation, is important for fostering bipartisanship. They also warn of what would happen if Republicans win back majority control, as is distinctly possible this election year.

McConnell has argued the legislation is a federal overreach into state-run elections, and he harshly criticized Biden's speech last week as "unpresidential."

NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson wrote in an open letter to the Senate, "We cannot think of a time more defining to the American story than the chapter you are presently writing."

"What country will your children and grandchildren be left with, given the relentless assaults on American freedom and democracy?"

Manchin spokeswoman Sam Runvon said in a statement late Monday that the senator believes the right to vote "must be protected by law. He continues to work on legislation to protect this right."

Sinema's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Despite big volcano blast, Tonga avoids destruction

Ash contaminates rainwater people rely on to drink

By Nick Perry Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The blast from the volcano could be heard in Alaska, and the waves crossed the ocean to cause an oil spill and two drownings in Peru. The startling satellite images resembled

a massive nuclear explosion. And yet, despite sitting almost on top of the volcano that erupted so violently on Saturday, the Pacific nation of Tonga appears to have avoided the widespread devastation that many initially feared.

In its first update since the eruption, the government said Tuesday it has confirmed three deaths two local residents and a British woman. Concerns remain over the fate of people on two hard-hit smaller islands, where most houses were destroyed, it said. Communications have been down everywhere, making assessments more difficult.

But on Tonga's main island of Tongatapu, perhaps the biggest problem is the ash that has transformed it into

a gray moonscape, contaminating the rainwater that people rely on to drink. New Zealand's military is sending fresh water and other much-needed supplies but said Tuesday the ash covering Tonga's main runway will delay the flight at least

another day. On Tongatapu, at least, life is slowly returning to normal. The tsunami that swept over coastal areas after the eruption was frightening for many but rose only about 2.5 feet, allowing most to escape.

"We did hold grave fears, given the magnitude of what we saw in that unprecedented blast," said Katie Greenwood, the head of delegation in the Pacific for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. "Fortunately, in those major population centers we are not seeing the catastrophic effect we thought might happen, and that's very good news."

Greenwood, who is based in Fiji and has been talking with people in Tonga by satellite phone, said an estimated 50 homes were destroyed on Tongatapu but that nobody needed to use emergency shelters. She said about 90 people on the nearby island of Eua were using shelters.

U.N. humanitarian officials and Tonga's government has reported "significant infrastructural damage" around Tongatapu.

"There has been no contact from the Ha'apai Group of islands, and we are particularly concerned about two small low-lying islands - Mango and Fonoi - following surveillance flights confirming substantial property damage," U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

New Zealand's High Commission in Tonga also reported significant damage along the western coast of Tongatapu, including to resorts and the waterfront

Like other island nations in the Pacific, Tonga is regularly exposed to the extremes of nature, whether it be cyclones or earthquakes, making people more resilient to the challenges they bring.

Greenwood said Tonga does not want an influx of aid workers. Tonga is one of the few remaining places in the world that has managed to avoid any outbreaks of the coronavirus, and officials fear that if outsiders bring in the virus it could create a much bigger disaster than the one they're already



Volcanic ash covers roof tops and vegetation Monday in an area of Tonga. Ash on an airport runway was delaying aid deliveries. CPL VANESSA PARKER/NEW ZEALAND DEFENSE FORCE

Another worry, said Greenwood, is that the volcano could erupt again. She said there is no working equipment around it that could help predict such an

Satellite images captured the spectacular eruption of the Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai volcano on Saturday, with a plume of ash, steam and gas rising like a giant mushroom above the South Pacific. The volcano is 40 miles north of Tonga's capital, Nuku'alofa.

Two people drowned in sister's life dream to live in

Peru, which also reported the oil spill after waves moved a ship that was trans-

ferring oil at a refinery. In Tonga, British woman Angela Glover, 50, was one of those who died after being swept away by a wave, her

family said. Nick Eleini said his sister's body had been found and

that her husband survived. "I understand that this terrible accident came about as they tried to rescue their dogs," Eleini told Sky News.

He said it had been his

the South Pacific and "she loved her life there."

New Zealand's military said it hoped the airfield in Tonga would be opened either Wednesday or Thursday. The military said it had considered an airdrop but that was "not the preference of the Tongan authorities."

New Zealand also sent a navy ship to Tonga on Tuesday, with another planned to leave later in the day, and pledged an initial 1 million New Zealand dollars, or about \$680,000, toward recovery efforts.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken departs Tuesday. ALEX BRANDON/AP

Blinken to meet with Russian official amid Ukraine crisis

By Matthew Lee Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Antony Blinken will meet with his Russian counterpart this week in Switzerland as tensions between the U.S. and Russia escalate over a possible Russian invasion of Ukraine, the State Department said

In Moscow, officials said Tuesday that Russia is a sending an unspecified number of troops from the

country's far east to Belarus for major war games, a deployment that will further beef up Russian military assets near Ukraine.

Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin said the drills would involve practicing a joint response to external threats by Russia and Belarus, which have close political and military ties.

Ukrainian officials have warned that Russia could launch an attack from various directions, including from Belarus.

The State Department said Blinken will travel to Kyiv, Ukraine, on Wednesday to meet with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, move on to Berlin and then meet Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Geneva on Friday. The hastily arranged trip aims to show U.S. support for Ukraine and impress on Russia the need for de-escalation.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki underscored the urgency. "We're now at a stage where Russia could

at any point launch an attack in Ukraine. And what Secretary Blinken is going to go do is highlight very clearly there is a diplomatic path forward," she said.

Psaki said Russian President Vladimir Putin created the crisis by massing 100,000 troops along Ukraine's borders and it is up to him and the Russians to decide whether to invade and then "suffer severe economic consequences."

The U.S. has not concluded whether Putin

plans to invade or whether the show of force is intended to squeeze security concessions without an actual conflict. Russia has brushed off calls to withdraw its troops by saying it has a right to deploy its forces wherever it likes on its own territory.

Blinken's meetings follow inconclusive diplomatic talks between Moscow and the West in Europe last week that failed to resolve stark disagreements over Ukraine and other security matters.





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Insurrection evolved in just weeks

March on Capitol set days after Biden win, court files show

By Colleen Long Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. Two days after the election on Nov. 3, 2020, the Oath Keepers were already convinced that victory had been stolen from President Donald Trump and members of the far-right militia group were making plans to march on the U.S. Capitol.

"We aren't getting through this without a civil war," leader Stewart Rhodes wrote fellow members, according to court documents. "Too late for that. Prepare your mind. body. spirit."

Four days after the vote, when news outlets declared Democrat Joe Biden the winner, the documents say Rhodes told Oath Keepers to "refuse to accept it and march en-masse on the nation's Capitol."

The indictment last week of Rhodes and 10 other members or associates was stunning in part because federal prosecutors, after a year of investigating the insurrection of Jan. 6, 2021,



Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes was indicted by federal prosecutors last week on a charge of seditious conspiracy. SUSAN WALSH/AP 2017

charged them with seditious conspiracy — a rarely used Civil War-era statute.

But the documents also show how quickly Trump's most fervent and dangerous supporters mobilized to subvert the election results through force and violence, by any means necessary, even though there was no widespread election fraud and Trump's Cabinet and local election officials said the vote had been fair.

Hundreds of people have been charged in the violent effort to stop the congressional certification of Biden's

Many were animated by Trump's speech at a rally near the White House, just before the riot, where he said: "We fight like hell. And if you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore."

But for Rhodes and others, there was no need for Trump's words of encouragement.

Action was already planned.

Elmer Stewart Rhodes III, 56, founded the Oath Keepers in 2009. He and some friends decided they would form an organization around the perception of "imminent tyranny," concerned about federal overreach and a series of unrecognized threats - like

the government was planning to attack its own citizens. He recruited current and former military, police and first responders.

Rhodes, out of high school, joined the Army and became a paratrooper, but was honorably discharged after he was injured in a night parachuting accident, according to a biography on the Southern Poverty Law Center's website on extrem-

He went to night school at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His first job in politics was supervising interns for Ron Paul, who was then a Republican congressman from Texas. Rhodes later went to Yale Law School.

Before long he had thousands of members and he was neglecting his Montana law practice to work on the group. He was disbarred in 2015. The Oath Keepers engaged in a series of confrontations with the government during Barack Obama's presidency. The most notable was a heavilv-armed standoff at Bundy Ranch in Bunkerville, Nevada.

Trump was elected in 2016. While Rhodes insisted the Oath Keepers were nonpartisan, they came to

the nation's capital in January 2017, when Trump took office, to protect peaceful "American patriots" from radical leftists."

When it looked like Trump was going to lose the 2020 presidential election to Biden, the Oath Keepers got to work, prosecutors said.

On Nov. 9, 2020, Rhodes instructed his followers during a GoToMeeting call to go to Washington to let Trump know "that the people are behind him," and he expressed hope that Trump would call up the militia to help him stay in power, authorities say.

"It will be a bloody and desperate fight," Rhodes warned. "We are going to have a fight. That can't be avoided."

The Oath Keepers worked as if they were going to war, discussing weapons and training. Days before the attack on the Capitol, one defendant suggested in a text message getting a boat to ferry weapons across the Potomac River to their "waiting arms," prosecutors say.

On Dec. 14, 2020, as the electors in the states cast votes, Rhodes published a letter on the Oath Keepers' website "advocating for the use of force to stop the lawful transfer of presidential power," according to the documents.

As that transition in Washington drew close, the Oath Keepers spoke of an arsenal they would keep just a few minutes away and grab if needed. Rhodes is accused of spending \$15,500 on firearms and related equipment including a shotgun, AR-15, mounts, triggers, scopes and magazines, prosecutors said.

On the morning of Jan. 6, 2021, members turned up in combat attire and helmets. They entered the Capitol with the large crowds of rioters who stormed past police barriers and smashed windows, injuring dozens of officers and sending lawmakers running.

The indictment against Rhodes alleges Oath Keepers formed two teams, or "stacks," that went inside. The first stack split up to go after the House and Senate. The second stack confronted officers inside the Capitol Rotunda, the indictment said.

Other cracks in the group are showing.

Before his arrest, Rhodes sought to distance himself from those who've been arrested, insisting the members went rogue and there was never a plan to enter the Capitol.

Jan. 6 panel subpoenas Giuliani, 3 others over election fraud claims

By Farnoush Amiri Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House committee investigating the Capitol insurrection issued subpoenas Tuesday to Rudy Giuliani and other members of Donald Trump's post-election legal team who filed multiple lawsuits claiming election fraud that were roundly rejected by the courts but gave rise to the lie that Trump did not really lose the 2020 presidential

The committee is continuing to widen its scope into Trump's orbit, this time demanding information and testimony from Giuliani, Jenna Ellis, Sidney Powell and Boris Epshteyn. All four publicly defended the president and his baseless voter fraud claims in the months after the election.

"The four individuals we've subpoenaed today advanced unsupported theories about election fraud, pushed efforts to New York City mayor once

overturn the election results, or were in direct contact with the former President about attempts to stop the counting of electoral votes," Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, Giuliani

statement. The committee said it is seeking records and deposi-

the 76-year-old former

seeking informa-Democratic chairtion about Giuliani's man of the panel, said in a results. tion testimony from Giuliani

celebrated for his leadership after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks – in connection to his promotion of election fraud claims on behalf of Trump. The panel is also

reported efforts to persuade state legislators to take steps to overturn the election

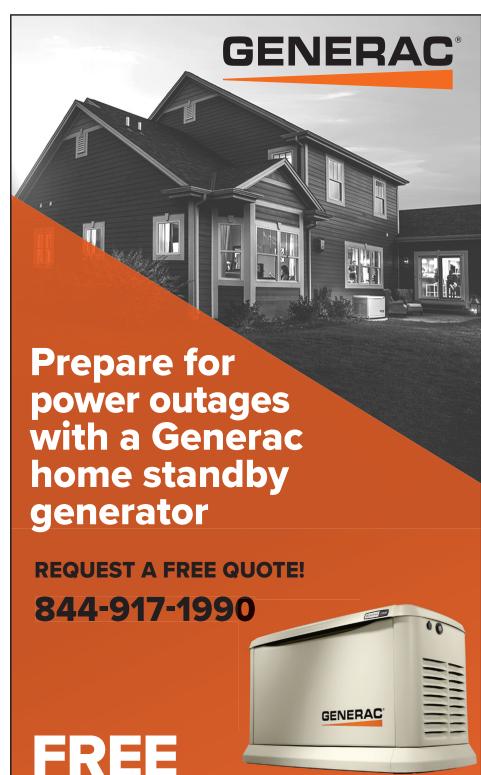
A lawyer for Giuliani did not immediately return a phone message seeking

Giuliani took on a leading role in disputing the election results on Trump's behalf after the 2020 presidential election, even visiting states such as Michigan and Pennsylvania, where he claimed ballots "looked suspicious" and Biden's electoral win was a fraud.

To this day, not a single court has found merit in the core legal claims made by Trump, Giuliani and the other three subpoenaed

The nine-member panel is also demanding information from Trump legal adviser Ellis, who the lawmakers say reportedly prepared and circulated two memos that analyzed the constitutional authority for then-Vice President Mike Pence to reject or delay counting the electoral votes from states that had submitted alternate slates of electors.

Besides Giuliani, Powell was the most public face of Trump's attempts to contest the election.



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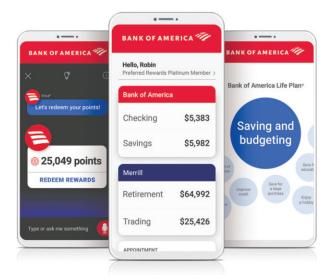
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Biden's backers feel shortchanged

They're 'not seeing the results' after year filled with setbacks

By Steve Peoples Associated Press

NEW YORK - Just over a year ago, millions of energized young people, women, voters of color and independents joined forces to send Joe Biden to the White

But 12 months into his presidency, many describe a coalition in crisis.

Leading voices across Biden's diverse political base openly decry the slow pace of progress on key campaign promises. The frustration was especially pronounced last week after Biden's push for voting rights legislation effectively stalled, intensifying concerns in his party that fundamental democratic principles are at risk and reinforcing a broader sense that the president is faltering at a moment of historic conse-

"People are feeling like they're getting less than they bargained for when they put Biden in office. There's a lot of emotions, and none of them are good," said Quentin Wathum-Ocama, president of the Young Democrats of America. "I don't know if the right word is 'apoplectic' or 'demoralized.' We're down. We're not seeing the results."

The strength of Biden's support will determine whether Democrats maintain slim majorities in Congress beyond this year or whether they will cede lawmaking authority to a Republican Party largely controlled by former President Donald Trump. Already, Republicans in several state legislatures have taken advantage of Democratic divisions in Washington to enact far-reaching changes to state election laws, abortion rights and public health measures in line with Trump's wishes.

If Biden cannot unify his party and reinvigorate his



Claudia Cedillos, left, waves signs with her daughter, Montserrat, before a campaign rally for then-Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden in Miami. Some who backed Biden for president are now unhappy with him. LYNNE SLADKY/AP 2020

political coalition, the GOP at the state and federal levels will almost certainly grow more emboldened, and the red wave that shaped a handful of state elections last year could fundamentally shift the balance of power across America in November's midterm elections.

For now, virtually none of the groups that fueled Biden's victory are happy.

Young people are frustrated that he hasn't followed through on vows to combat climate change and student

Women are worried that his plans to expand family leave, child care and universal pre-K are stalled as abortion rights erode and schools

struggle to stay open. Moderates in both parties who once cheered Biden's centrist approach worry that he's moved too far left. And voters of color, like those across Biden's political base, are furious that he hasn't

done more to protect their voting rights.

"We mobilized to elect President Biden because he made promises to us," Rep. Cori Bush, D-Mo., told The Associated Press, citing Biden's pledge to address police violence, student loan debt, climate change and voter suppression, among other issues.

"We need transformative change — our very lives depend on it," Bush said.
"And because we haven't seen those results yet, we're frustrated."

Facing widespread frustration, the White House insists Biden is making significant progress, especially given the circumstances when he took office.

"President Biden entered office with enormous challenges - a once-in-a-generation pandemic, economic crisis and a hollowed-out federal government. In the first year alone, he has

delivered progress on his promises," said Cedric Richmond, a senior adviser to the president. He pointed to more than 6 million new jobs, 200 million vaccinated Americans, the most diverse Cabinet in U.S. history and the most federal judges confirmed in a president's first year since Richard

Nixon. Richmond also highlighted historic legislative accomplishments Biden signed into law — specifically, a \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief bill that sent \$1,400 checks to most Americans and a subsequent \$1 trillion infrastructure package that will fund public works projects across every state in the nation for several

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, a leading voice in the Democratic Party's left wing, described Biden's pandemic relief package as among the most significant pieces of legislation enacted to help

working people.

"But a lot more work needs

to be done," he said. Like other Biden allies, Sanders directed blame for the president's woes at two Senate Democrats: Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona. They are blocking the president's plan to protect voting rights by refusing to bypass the filibuster, having already derailed Biden's "Build Back Better" package, which calls for investments exceeding \$2 trillion for child care, paid family leave, education and climate change, among other progressive priorities.

"It has been a mistake to have backroom conversations with Manchin and Sinema for the last four months, or five months," Sanders said.

But blaming fellow Democrats will do little to improve Biden's political standing.

According to Associated

Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research polling released last month, the president's approval ratings have been falling among virtually every demographic as the pandemic continues to rage, inflation soars and the majority of his campaign promises go unfulfilled.

About 7 in 10 Black Americans said they approved of Biden in December, compared with roughly 9 in 10 in April.

Among Hispanics, support dipped to roughly half from about 7 in 10.

Just half of women approved of Biden last month compared to roughly two-thirds in the spring.

There was a similar drop among younger voters: Roughly half of Americans under 45 approved of the president, down from roughly two-thirds earlier in the year.

The decline was similar among those age 45 and older. And among independents, a group that swung decidedly for Biden in 2020, just 40% of those who don't lean toward a party approved of Biden in December, down from 63% in April.

"Biden is failing us," said John Paul Mejia, the 19-year-old spokesman for the Sunrise Movement, a national youth organization focused on climate change. "If Biden doesn't use the time he has left with a Democratic majority in Congress to fight tooth and nail for the promises that he was elected on, he will go down in history as a could-have-been president and ultimately a coward who didn't stand up for democracy and a habitable planet."

Christian Nunes, president of the National Organization for Women, said she wants to see more urgency from Biden in protecting women's priorities.

"In these times, we need somebody who's going to be a fighter," she said, calling on Biden to work harder to protect voting rights and access to abortion.



administration wants to thin forests and use prescribed burns to curb fires. JAEC. HONG/AP

US to unveil \$50B strategy to combat wildfires in West

By Matthew Brown Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Biden administration plans to significantly expand efforts to stave off catastrophic wildfires that have torched areas of the West by more aggressively thinning forests around areas called "hotspots" where nature and neighborhoods collide.

As climate change heats up and dries out the West. administration officials said they have crafted a \$50 billion plan to more than double the use of controlled fires and logging to reduce trees and other vegetation that serves as tinder in the most at-risk areas.

They said work will begin this year and the plan will focus on regions where out-of-control blazes have wiped out neighborhoods and sometimes entire communities — including California's Sierra Nevada mountains, the east side of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, and portions of Arizona, Oregon and Washington state.

Homes keep getting built in fire-prone areas, even as conditions that stoke blazes get worse.

"You're going to have forest fires. The question is how catastrophic do those fires have to be," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said Tuesday. A public announcement of the administration's wildfire strategy was planned later in Phoenix. "The time to act is now if

we want to ultimately over time change the trajectory of these fires," Vilsack said.

Specific projects weren't immediately released, and it's not clear who would pay for the full scope of work envisioned across almost 80,000 square miles — an area almost as large as Idaho. Much of that area is privately owned or controlled by states or

Reaching that goal would require an estimated \$20 billion over 10 years for work on national forests and \$30 billion for work on other federal, state, tribal and private lands, said Vilsack spokesperson Kate

Vilsack acknowledged that the new effort will also require a "paradigm shift" within the U.S. Forest Service, from an agency devoted to stamping out fires, into one that uses what some Native Americans call "good fire" on forests and rangeland to prevent even larger blazes.

Forest Service planning documents indicate the work will focus on "hotspots" that make up only 10% of the fire-prone areas across the U.S. but account for 80% of risk to communities because of their population densities and locations.

The recently passed federal infrastructure bill put a down payment on the initiative — \$3.2 billion over five years that Vilsack said will get work going quickly.

Wildfire expert John Abatzoglou said lessening fire dangers on the amount of land envisioned under the administration's plan is a "lofty goal" that represents even more acreage than burned over the past 10 years across the West.

But Abatzoglou, a University of California Merced engineering professor, said the focus on wildfire hazards closest to communities makes sense.

"Our scorecard for fire should be about lives saved rather than acres that didn't burn," he said.

Gunman at Texas synagogue not on terror lists, Psaki says

By Jamie Stengle, Jake Bleiberg and Eric Tucker Associated Press

COLLEYVILLE, Texas -The gunman who took four people hostage at a Texas synagogue in a 10-hour standoff that ended in his death was checked against law enforcement databases before entering the U.S. but raised no red flags, the White House said Tuesday.

Malik Faisal Akram, a 44-vear-old British citizen, arrived in the U.S. at Kennedy Airport in New York about two weeks ago, a law enforcement official said. He spent time in Dallas-area homeless shelters before the attack Saturday in the suburb of Colleyville, and was dropped off at one by someone he appeared to know.

Wayne Walker, CEO and pastor of OurCalling, which provides services to homeless people, said Akram was brought to the shelter in downtown Dallas on Jan. 2 by a man who hugged him and had conversations with him, said.

"He was dropped off by somebody that looked like he had a relationship with him," said Walker, who added that OurCalling turned photos and video over to the FBI.

An FBI spokeswoman said Monday that they did not have any information they could confirm regarding Akram's stay at the OurCalling facility. The FBI has said there was no indication anyone else was involved in the standoff.

British media, including the Guardian, reported Tuesday that Akram was investigated by the domestic intelligence service MI5 as a possible "terrorist threat" in the second half of 2020, but the investigation was closed after authorities concluded he posed no threat.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Akram



Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, left, was among the hostages Saturday in Colleyville, Texas. Above, he enters a healing service Monday. YFFY YOSSIFOR/STAR-TELEGRAM

appears not to have set off any alarms in U.S. terrorism databases when he entered the country. "Our understanding,

and obviously we're still looking into this, is that he was checked against U.S. government databases multiple times prior to entering the country, and the U.S. government did not have any derogatory information about the individual in our systems at the time of entry," Psaki said.

Akram, originally from the northern British town of Blackburn, had arrived in the U.S. just before the New Year after leaving Britain on Dec. 29, but much is unknown about why he targeted the Congregation Beth Israel during a Saturday service.

Gulbar Akram, Akram's brother, has described his sibling as mentally unwell and said he also had a criminal past and was known to British police. He questioned how his brother was allowed to enter the U.S., but maintained that he did not believe his brother was anti-Semitic.

Family members said they had been cooperating with British authorities, and Gulbar Akram spoke with his brother during the 10-hour standoff, trying to persuade him to release the hostages and turn himself

During the standoff, Akram could be heard on a Facebook livestream demanding the release of Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani neuroscientist who is suspected of having ties to al-Qaida and was convicted of trying to kill U.S. Army officers in Afghanistan. The prison where Siddiqui is serving her sentence is in nearby Fort Worth.

An attorney in Texas who represents Siddiqui said the prisoner had no connection to Akram.

The investigation stretched to England, where over the weekend police announced that two teenagers were in custody in connection with the standoff. The teenagers are Akram's sons, two U.S. law enforcement officials said.

On Tuesday, police in Britain said the teenagers had been released without charge. They were detained in Manchester, 30 miles from Akram's hometown of Blackburn.

Federal investigators believe Akram bought the handgun used in the hostage-taking in a private sale, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The New York Times contributed.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Ex-AG Barr's memoir set to be released in March, publisher says

From news services

NEW YORK — Former Attorney General William Barr has a memoir coming out March 8 titled "One Damn Thing After Another" and billed by his publisher as a "vivid and forthright book" of his time serving two "drastically different" presidents – Donald Trump and George H.W. Bush.

"Barr takes readers behind the scenes during seminal moments of the Bush administration in the 1990s. from the LA riots to Pan Am 103 and Iran Contra," William Morrow an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, announced Tuesday. "With the Trump administration, Barr faced an unrelenting barrage of issues, such as Russiagate, the opioid epidemic, Chinese espionage, big tech, the COVID outbreak, civil unrest, the first impeachment, and the 2020 election fallout."

The title of the long-rumored book refers to an expression Barr had heard about the nature of the job of attorney general.

Barr, now 71, served under Bush from 1991-93 and under Trump from 2019-20. Barr had initially been one of Trump's most ardent allies and was accused of being willing to sacrifice the independence of the Justice Department on behalf of the president.

One of his most controversial actions involved special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of ties between Russian officials and Trump's presidential campaign in

Before the full report was made public, Barr framed the results in a manner favorable to Trump, even though Mueller pointedly said he couldn't exonerate the president of obstruction of justice.

But Barr parted with

Trump a month after the 2020 election when he told The Associated Press that the DOJ had uncovered no evidence of widespread voter fraud. Barr stepped down shortly before Christmas in

After the Jan. 6 siege of the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters seeking to overturn the election results, Barr issued a statement in which he condemned Trump for "orchestrating a mob to pressure Congress."

Christian flag case: Supreme Court justices seemed to have little doubt Tuesday that Boston was wrong to refuse to fly a banner described as a Christian flag outside City Hall. Arguments at the high court appeared to unite justices on the left and right in favor of Harold Shurtleff, a conservative activist. Shurtleff wanted to fly a white banner with a red cross on a blue background in the upper left corner, called the Christian flag.
There are three flagpoles

outside City Hall that fly the U.S., Massachusetts and Boston flags. Occasionally, the city takes down its own pennant and temporarily hoists another flag.

Although Boston had approved 284 consecutive applications — most involving the flags of other nations a city official turned away Shurtleff and his Camp Constitution because he said he wanted to fly the Christian

The Biden administration and the American Civil Liberties Union are among a wide array of parties on Shurtleff's side.

Boston has indicated it would change its policy if it loses the case to take more control of what flags can fly.

Lockdown parties: British Prime Minister Boris



Afghan villagers on Tuesday remove mud bricks after their home was damaged by earthquakes in the western province of Badghis. The U.N. raised the death toll from twin quakes to 26 Tuesday, saving three villages of about 800 houses were flattened Monday. The U.S. Geological Survey registered magnitude 5.3 and a 4.9 quakes two hours apart Monday. ABDUL RAZIQ SADDIQI

Johnson on Tuesday denied misleading Parliament about lockdown-breaching parties, and confirmed he has given an account of events to an inquiry probing alleged violations of coronavirus rules by the government.

Senior ministers in Johnson's Conservative government said they believed him -but added the prime minister would have to resign if he is proven to have lied. A growing number of lawmakers from Johnson's Conservative Party expressed discontent with their leader, as pressure to oust him with a no-confidence vote grew.

Senior civil servant Sue Gray is investigating a string of alleged rule-flouting government parties that have sparked calls for Johnson's resignation, including a May 2020 staff party in the garden of the prime minister's Downing Street residence. Johnson has urged his opponents to wait for Gray's verdict, though experts say there is a good chance it will neither exonerate him nor conclude he broke the law.

Animal outbreak: Hong Kong authorities said Tuesday that they will kill about 2,000 small animals, including hamsters, after several tested positive for the coronavirus at a pet store where an employee was also infected.

The city will also stop the sale of hamsters and the import of small mammals, according to officials from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. The pet shop employee tested positive for the delta variant Monday, and several hamsters imported from the Netherlands at the store tested positive as well.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, animals do not appear to play a significant role in spreading the coronavirus.

Chinese outbreak: Chinese state media say parcels

mailed from overseas may have spread the omicron variant of the coronavirus in Beijing and elsewhere, despite doubts among overseas health experts that the virus can be transmitted via packaging.

The State Post Bureau said it has ordered stronger measures to ventilate and disinfect sites where items mailed from overseas are handled. Postal workers must wear protective equipment, receive booster shots and undergo regular testing, it said on its website.

International packages must be isolated, cleaned and held for a waiting period to ensure they are free from the virus, it said.

Global health experts say the virus mainly spreads through respiratory droplets when infected people breathe, speak, cough and

The World Health Organization says coronaviruses "need a live animal or human host to multiply and

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survive and cannot multiply on the surface of food pack-

World's oldest man dies: Saturnino de la Fuente, a Spaniard described by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest man, died Tuesday at the age of 112 years and 341 days, the records agency said.

De la Fuente died at home in León, a city in northwest Spain, it said.

Guinness World Records named De la Fuente as the world's oldest man in September, when he was 112 years and 211 days. It said he was born Feb. 11, 1909.

De la Fuente was a cobbler by trade and started working in a shoe factory at age 13, Spain's state-run news agency EFE reported.

He survived the Spanish flu pandemic that broke out in 1918 and with his wife, Antonina, had seven daughters and one son, followed by 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, it said.















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BUSINESS

AT&T to delay some 5G after airlines raise alarms

Interference from wireless service will be worse than thought, CEOs say

By David Koenig Associated Press

AT&T will postpone new wireless service near some airports planned for this week after the nation's largest airlines said the service would interfere with aircraft technology and cause massive flight disrup-

The company said Tuesday that it would delay turning on new cell towers around runways at some airports — it did not say how many - and work with federal regulators to settle a dispute over potential interference from new 5G service.

The decision came after the airline industry raised the stakes in a showdown with AT&T and Verizon over plans to launch new 5G wireless service this week, warning that thousands of flights could be grounded or delayed if the rollout takes place near major airports.

Verizon and a trade group for the telecom industry, CTIA, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

On Monday, CEOs of the nation's larg-

est airlines said that interference from the wireless service will be worse than they originally thought.

'To be blunt, the nation's commerce will grind to a halt" unless the service is blocked near major airports, the CEOs said in a letter Monday to federal officials including Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who has previously taken the airlines' side in the matter.

The airlines asked that the new, faster mobile service be banned within 2 miles of runways. AT&T and Verizon planned to activate new 5G wireless service Wednesday after two previous delays from the original plan for an early December rollout.

The new high-speed 5G service uses a segment of the radio spectrum that is close to that used by altimeters, which are devices that measure the height of aircraft above the ground. Pilots use altimeters to land when visibility is poor, and they link to other systems on planes.

AT&T and Verizon say their equipment will not interfere with aircraft electronics, and that the technology is being safely used in many other countries.

However, the CEOs of 10 passenger and cargo airlines including American, Delta, United and Southwest say that 5G will be more disruptive than they originally thought because dozens of large airports that were to have buffer zones to prevent 5G interference with aircraft will still be subject to flight restrictions announced last week by the Federal Aviation Administration. They add that those restrictions won't be limited to times when visibility is poor.

'Unless our major hubs are cleared to fly, the vast majority of the traveling and shipping public will essentially be grounded. This means that on a day like yesterday, more than 1,100 flights and 100,000 passengers would be subjected to cancellations,

diversions or delays," the CEOs said. The telecoms, the FCC and their supporters argue that C-Band and aircraft altimeters operate far enough apart on the radio spectrum to avoid interference. They also say that the aviation industry has known about C-Band technology for several years but did nothing to prepare.



Deena Jalal, owner of ice cream chain FoMu, saw the cost of business overall rose 15% in 2021 compared with 2020. MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Costs cramp small businesses

Added challenge for owners has some wondering if they can stay afloat in pandemic

By Mae Anderson Associated Press

NEW YORK - In just two weeks, the cost of pecans for the pies at Peggy Jean's Pies in Columbia, Missouri, has surged nearly 40%, perplexing co-owner Rebecca Miller and adding to the cost of doing business.

Miller will soon have to bump up the price of her Southern Pecan, Chocolate Bourbon Pecan, and German Chocolate pies by \$2 to \$24.

Miller is seeing price increases across the board, from blackberries to condensed milk and eggs. She consults with three food brokers weekly to source the lowest prices for ingredients. But she still needs to charge more for the nut pies.

"We can't absorb that cost and still meet wage demands, increased cost of goods in our tins and boxes, and afford to live as a family," she said.

Sharply higher costs are another challenge thrown at business owners by the pandemic. The unpredictability of shipping, labor and the coronavirus itself have created an environment where owners are often left guessing about when products might arrive and how much they'll cost.

The Labor Department last week said wholesale prices rose a record 9.7% in December from a year ago.

"There's a tremendous amount of not just risk - risk you can calculate - but uncertainty. We just don't know what's going to happen." said Ray Keating, chief economist with the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council. "Consumer demand is there, but there are just enormous supply chain constraints. All of this is feeding into price increases."

With low visibility into how long higher inflation will last, some owners are increasingly worried about keeping their doors open in the long run.

"We put out new fires every single day and have had to reassess the way we do business to cater to new behaviors," said Deena Jalal, owner of plant-based ice cream chain FoMu and co-founder of wholesaler Sweet Tree Creamery in Boston.

For her FoMu shops, the cost of business overall rose about 15% in 2021 compared with 2020. She has raised prices about 10% but taken other measures, too: shifting to more delivery and cutting flavors like avocado ice cream, which became too

expensive to make as avocado prices rose. 'No business can sustain the rapid increase in expenses that we have seen in

the last year," Jalal said. She is also apprehensive about the longterm prospects for the small business

"If we have to work this puzzle for another two years, I really do think we'll see a lot of businesses — ourselves included struggle to keep their doors open," Jalal

Some online vendors are eliminating free shipping to combat costs. Gianluca Boncompagni, owner of e-commerce site Off Road Tents, which sells off-road and overlanding equipment, saw logistics costs quadruple. In October 2020, he paid \$6,300 for a 40-foot container coming from China. By October 2021, he was paying \$26,000 for the same sized container.

Boncompagni has raised prices about 5% and started to charge a flat shipping rate depending on item size. While he may lower prices in the future, the shipping charge is here to stay, he said.

"There is simply no way most online businesses can keep shipping pallets and less-than-truckload shipments without having to charge at least a bit for them," he

Microsoft to pay \$69B for maker of games

By Matt O'Brien Associated Press

Microsoft is paying \$68.7 billion for Activision Blizzard, the maker of "Candy Crush" and "Call of Duty," as it seeks an edge in the fiercely competitive businesses of mobile gaming and virtual-reality technology.

The all-cash deal will turn Microsoft, maker of the Xbox gaming system, into one of the world's largest video game companies. It will also help it compete with tech rivals such as Meta, formerly Facebook, in creating immersive virtual worlds for both work

If the deal survives scrutiny from U.S. and European regulators in the coming months, it also could be one of the biggest tech acquisitions in history.

Dell bought data-storage company EMC in 2016 for around \$60 billion.

Activision has been buffeted for months by allegations of misconduct and unequal

That was addressed Tuesday by Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella in a conference call with investors.

"The culture of our organization is my No. 1 priority," Nadella said, adding that "it's critical for Activision Blizzard to drive forward on its" commitments to improve its workplace culture.

Activision disclosed last year it was being investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission over complaints of workplace discrimination against women and in September settled claims brought by U.S. workforce discrimination regulators.

Last year, Microsoft spent \$7.5 billion to acquire ZeniMax Media, the parent company of video game publisher Bethesda Softworks, which is behind popular video games "The Elder Scrolls," "Doom" and 'Fallout."

BUSINESS BRIEFING

US takes aim at illegal mergers

WASHINGTON - U.S. competition regulators have mounted an effort to tighten enforcement against illegal mergers in line with President Joe Biden's mandate for greater scrutiny to big business combina-

The Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission announced Tuesday they are seeking public comment on how merger guidelines can be updated to better detect and prevent illegal and anticompetitive deals in an increasingly consolidating corporate marketplace.

The agencies are stressing the importance of robust competition to the economy, workers, consumers and small businesses as they stretch toward a broader definition of anticompetitive conduct.

US sellers to get help in China

BEIJING - JD.com Inc., China's biggest online retailer, and Canadian e-commerce service Shopify announced a strategic cooperation Tuesday to give independent U.S. merchants access to JD.com's 550 million

The companies said the tie-up would allow U.S. brands to start selling in China in three to four weeks compared with up to a year typically required to launch cross-border sales. The service will take advantage of JD's network of 1,300 warehouse and 200,000 delivery personnel in China, the companies said. They said it will provide translation and other support.

JD.com reported sales rose 33% over a year earlier to \$34.4 billion in its latest quar-

Driver faces charges in fatal Autopilot crash

By Tom Krisher and Stefanie Dazio Associated Press

DETROIT - California prosecutors have filed two counts of vehicular manslaughter against the driver of a Tesla on Autopilot who ran a red light, slammed into another car and killed two people in 2019.

The defendant appears to be the first person to be charged with a felony in the United States for a fatal crash involving a motorist who was using a partially automated driving system. Los Angeles County prosecutors filed the charges in October, but they came to light only last week.

The driver, Kevin George Aziz Riad, 27, has pleaded not guilty and is free on bail while the case is pending.

The misuse of Autopilot, which can control steering, speed and braking, has occurred on numerous occasions and is the subject of investigations by two federal agencies. The filing of charges in the California crash could serve notice to drivers who use systems like Autopilot that they cannot rely on them to control vehicles.

The criminal charges aren't the first involving an automated driving system, but they are the first to involve a widely used driver technology. Authorities in Arizona filed a charge of negligent homicide in 2020 against a driver Uber had hired to take part in the testing of a fully autonomous vehicle on public roads. The Uber vehicle, an SUV with the human backup driver on board, struck and killed a pedestrian.

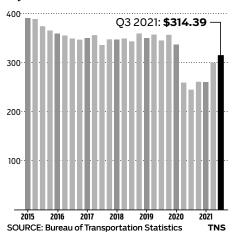
By contrast, Autopilot and other driver-assist systems are widely used on roads across the world. An estimated 765,000 Tesla vehicles are equipped with it in the United States alone.

In the Tesla crash, police said a Model S was moving at a high speed when it left a freeway and ran a red light, striking a Honda Civic. Two people who were in the Civic, Gilberto Alcazar Lopez and Maria Guadalupe Nieves-Lopez died at the scene. Riad and a woman in the Tesla were hospi-

talized with non-life-threatening injuries. NHTSA and the National Transportation Safety Board have been reviewing the widespread misuse of Autopilot by drivers, whose overconfidence and inattention have been blamed for multiple crashes.

Average airfare

U.S. domestic quarterly average airfare, adjusted for inflation



BUSINESS



American exporters sent over 13.2 million pounds of lobster to China in the first 11 months last year. That was a 6% increase over the same period in 2020. ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP 2021

China still craves US lobsters despite pandemic restrictions

By Patrick Whittle Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine -China is showing no signs of slowing its demand for American lobsters this year despite disruption to the supply chain and international trade caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Chinese demand for the crustaceans grew dramatically during the 2010s in part because of the expansion of the country's middle class. The lobsters are especially sought after in winter because they are a popular delicacy on Lunar New Year, which is Feb. 1 this

American exporters sent more than 13.2 million pounds of lobster to China during the first 11 months of 2021. That was about 6% more than the same time period the previous year.

The pandemic has made the already difficult task of sending live seafood across the globe more challenging, but Maine lobster exporters are gearing up for a decent Lunar New Year, said Bill Bruns. The operations manager at The Lobster Co. in Arundel said shipments are complicated by the fact the company can't send lobsters to Beijing because of COVID-19 restrictions but they are able to send to other airports, such as Shenzhen.

"Chinese New Year is always a crapshoot the last couple years," Bruns said. 'But I'm prepared for it. I have the staff. Because otherwise it's going to be a long spring.'

China buys lobsters from the U.S. — where the industry is based mostly in Maine and Canada, where the industry is situated in the Atlantic provinces. Exports from Canada were up even more than the U.S. the first 11 months of 2021 compared to 2020, said John Sackton, an industry analyst and founder of SeafoodNews.

Signs point to a strong season for the industry, Sackton said. Consumption of seafood could also get a boost from the Beijing Winter Olympics, which are set to start a few days after Lunar New Year, he said.

"I've seen nothing that consumption of lobsters at Chinese New Year this year won't exceed last year's,"

Sackton said.

The U.S. lobster industry weathered similar challenges during the first year of the pandemic in 2020 and ultimately had a strong export season. The value of exports was down from the record year of 2018, but still well over \$100 million.

High prices for lobsters have played a role in the value of this year's exports. The price of a live 1.25-pound hard shell lobster was \$11.25 per pound in New England this month, according to business publishing company Urner Barry. That was more than a third higher than January

To send lobsters to China, American and Canadian fishermen have to trap them in the cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Bad weather has made that difficult for Maine fishermen this year, but harvesters are still having a decent catches, said Kristan Porter, president of the Maine Lobstermen's Association.

"When guys get out there, they are doing OK," Porter said. "It takes someone hardier than me to fish the wintertime."

Tesla looks past China to get vital EV battery component

By Tom Bowker and Tom Krisher Associated Press

LONDON - Tesla is turning to Mozambique for a key component in its electric car batteries in what analysts believe is a first-of-its-kind deal designed to reduce its dependence on China for

Elon Musk's company signed an agreement last month with Australia's Syrah Resources, which operates one of the world's largest graphite mines in the southern African country. The value of the deal hasn't been released.

Tesla will buy the material from the company's processing plant in Vidalia, Louisiana, which sources graphite from its mine in Balama, Mozambique. The Austin, Texas-based electric automaker plans to buy up 80% of what the plant produces - 8,000 tons of graphite per year — starting in 2025, according to the agreement. Syrah must prove the material meets Tesla's standards.

The deal is part of Tesla's plan to ramp up its capacity to make its own batteries so it can reduce its dependence on China, which dominates global graphite markets, said Simon Moores of United Kingdom-based battery materials data and intelligence provider Benchmark Mineral Intelligence.

"It starts at the top with geopolitics," Moores said. 'The U.S. wants to build enough capacity domestically to be able to build (lithium-ion batteries) within the USA. And this deal will permit Tesla to source graphite independent from China."

Moores said producing the batteries in the U.S. will reduce some of the questions Tesla is facing about its ties to China, where there are environmental concerns at some mines. The automaker also has set up a showroom



Tesla has struck a deal that allows the electric car maker to reduce its dependence on China for graphite. Above, a Tesla at a charging station in Kansas. ORLIN WAGNER/AP 2021

in the region of Xinjiang, where Chinese officials are accused of forced labor and other human rights abuses against mostly Muslim ethnic minorities.

A message was left seeking comment from Tesla, which has disbanded its media relations department.

The battery industry has been confronted with a short supply of graphite in recent months, Moores said. Graphite stores lithium inside a battery until it's needed to generate electricity by splitting into charged ions and electrons.

It comes as every major automaker is racing to get into electric vehicles amid concerns about climate

Tesla is making almost a million electric cars per year, and sourcing enough batteries is its biggest constraint, he said.

"They've upped their own battery manufacturing capacity," Moores said, but still "they can't get enough batteries.'

The deal with Syrah is part of a broader effort by automakers to secure relatively scarce raw materials for batteries as demand for electric vehicles is expected to grow, said Sam Abuelsamid, principal e-mobility analyst for Guidehouse Insights.

The deal also brings the graphite processed in Louisiana much closer to Tesla's U.S. factories.

"The pandemic pointed out to us that we've got these long, long, long supply chains, and it doesn't take much to disrupt a supply chain," said Donald Sadoway, a professor of materials chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

It's unlikely that the Tesla deal with Syrah will rankle the Chinese government because China has plenty of markets for its graphite, including increased domestic electric vehicle production, Abuelsamid said.

China, though, is Tesla's biggest global market. It has a factory near Shanghai and sells about 450.000 vehicles per year there, compared with about 350,000 in the U.S., Abuelsamid said.

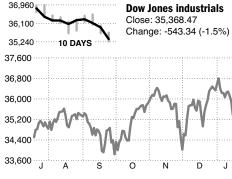
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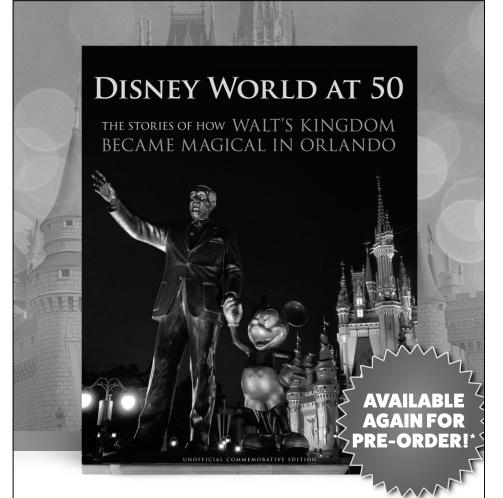
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Disney (DIS)	152.27	+.33	-1.7	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	12.06	-1.14	-23.7	
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Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	39.21	-3.01	+3.0			+.03	+40.5	
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teaching about drugs

That at least three children were exposed to the deadly drug fentanyl in Hartford while in school last week is horrifying [Page 1, Jan. 14, "3 students in hospital in possible overdose"]. I believe it could happen in any town or city.

Because drugs of all kinds are so prevalent in society, I would be interested to learn if this year's curriculum at the Sports and Medical Sciences Academy, indeed at all schools in Hartford, has already included detailed instruction about the extreme dangers of illegal drugs and the fact that they shouldn't ever be used. Period.

Bob Duguay, Bloomfield

Lauding senators

Another chapter should be added to JFK's "Profiles in Courage" dedicated to Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema.

Richard Arnold, West Hartford

Health system is broken

The recent CT Mirror article [Page 1, Jan. 13, "Health care monopoly alleged"] detailing the sordid, aggressive monopoly games hospitals are now forced to play, shows just how poisoned and toxic our broken for-profit health care system really is. This is directly related to the fact we have a for-profit health care system in which greedy, profiteering and wasteful health insurance cartels have not only irredeemably compromised our health care but are the real unaccountable monopolies that should be liquidated so that we can have a true universal health care system.

This story exemplifies the rot of our privatized health care system whereby parasitical billion dollar insurance industry cartels are running a middleman racket that has not only created a medical debt crisis and left people to die as a result of not being able to have proper health care coverage, but compromised the entire system to make a few companies insanely rich at the great cost to human life and our society.

Jason Villani, Wallingford

Who will fix health care?

The article regarding the health care monopoly brings several questions to mind [Page 1, Jan. 13, "Health care monopoly alleged"]. Who decided it was a good idea for hospitals to acquire physician practices? Why aren't the cowering physicians doing something? Why did Dr. Ulysses Wu and Dr. Muzibul Chowdhury — mentioned in the article — leave St. Francis for Hartford HealthCare? Why aren't Bristol Hospital, UConn and Manchester Memorial, which are reported to "also suffer" due to Hartford HealthCare's conduct, doing something? Sadly, the overall tone of the article presents the facilities being more worried about the loss of profits than concern for patients. And my last question: Who is going to fix our broken health care system?

> Jessica Lewis, New Britain The writer is a registered nurse

State failed pandemic response

By Bob Stefanowski

With positivity rates hitting record levels last week, and hospitalizations approaching historic highs, Connecticut residents are frustrated that their lives have not returned to at least some sense of normalcy. They have done everything they were asked to do: Wear masks; get vaccinated once, twice, three times; facilitate remote learning for their kids; avoid large social gatherings.

Yet things seem worse now than they ever have.

For close to two years now, Gov. Ned Lamont has demanded emergency authorities to universally direct how the state responded to this pandemic — and he might request a seventh extension of these powers next month. While he might have tried his best, it has become increasingly apparent with omicron that Gov. Lamont has failed Connecticut.

Many are wondering what happened to the \$6 billion in COVID-19 relief money that flowed into Connecticut. Why do they have to wait in line for hours to get a simple COVID test? Why are hospitals across the state overflowing with patients? If the COVID relief money wasn't used to build up

recovery capacity, or to buy more home tests, what was it used for? In short, where was the plan?

State leaders should demand a forensic audit of how every single dollar of Connecticut's COVID relief money was spent - and why the state was woefully unprepared for the omicron variant. A public official in West Haven was accused of taking over \$600,000 meant to help those suffering from the pandemic and used it to buy chips at a local casino. We don't know if there were other similar abuses, but state government owes it to residents to find out.

Gov. Lamont should focus on lessons learned and what he can do better. One thing is clear — whether it's the original strain or the delta or omicron variants, COVID attacks our most vulnerable. Despite being one of the most vaccinated groups, individuals over the age of 65 account for about three-quarters of the total death toll from COVID.

With resources that are now limited because of inaction by state leaders, we should be prioritizing their efforts on the most vulnerable.

Given this backdrop, it's incredibly difficult to comprehend Gov. Lamont's decision to admit COVID-positive patients into nursing homes. These are the exact people targeted most by this deadly virus. Why would we ever intentionally expose them and their caregivers to COVID-positive patients?

Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York put infected patients into nursing homes early on but reversed the policy six weeks later after seeing the deadly consequences of mixing older people with infected patients. A New York State Bar Association study published last June showed that his nursing home policy caused "several hundred and possibly more than 1,000 deaths of nursing home residents."

Why in the world is Gov. Lamont following former Gov. Cuomo's failed policies of 2020 in Connecticut in 2022? Has he learned nothing from mistakes from the past?

To make this decision even more bizarre, through two executive orders Mr. Lamont mandated that all long-term care and state hospital employees get a COVID booster shot in order to keep working. Why require staff in long-term care facilities be fully vaccinated to protect vulnerable patients, but then allow contagious

patients at the same time?

The governor has other choices available to him if he is willing to think creatively. He could use the federal COVID money to set up separate recovery centers to house recovering COVID-positive patients — taking the strain off hospitals while keeping these patients isolated and free from transmitting the virus to others.

He could offer shortterm bonuses, or temporary pay raises to hard-working, qualified health care workers and incent them to come back to work now to help get us through this peak. He could look to recruit health care workers from other parts of the country less impacted by the current COVID wave to come to Connecticut and help.

At a minimum, he should start reporting deaths from COVID in nursing homes daily to determine if his new policy is having any adverse effect on our elderly.

As the leader of
Connecticut, with emergency powers, Gov. Lamont
had a responsibility to
plan ahead for events like
omicron. The governor
frequently comments that
Connecticut is "better off"
than states like Florida or
Texas. While this might
have satisfied residents

for a while, they are tired of this excuse. After two years of disruptions to their lifestyles, they no longer care that several other state leaders have failed even worse than Connecticut. Residents simply want the leader of their state to make things better.

Gov. Lamont has not made it better. His lack of leadership resulted in long lines for testing, no plans for our schools, risks to the elderly and absolutely no direction for the state to move forward in a time of crisis.

Putting the most vulnerable segment of the population in nursing homes into an even a higher risk situation is not the answer. Having a comprehensive plan using the \$6 billion in federal dollars he received for its intended purpose—COVID-19 relief—is a more responsible reaction to helping Connecticut residents stay safe.

We can only hope that Gov. Lamont starts to learn from the mistakes of others, reverses his policy on nursing homes and does it soon — or what happened in New York could easily happen in Connecticut.

Bob Stefanowski was the Republican nominee for governor in 2018. He is considering a run against Gov. Ned Lamont in 2022.

TEXAS HOSTAGE CRISIS

LET'S STAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT HATE FOR GOOD



An aerial view of police standing in front of the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue on Sunday in Colleyville, Texas. **BRANDON WADE/AP**

By Alan Lazowski and Suzanne Pinkes

irst, let us start by saying that we are extremely grateful for the efforts of local and state law enforcement, as well as the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, for bringing the Colleyville synagogue hostage crisis to a safe resolution this past weekend. This situation is a painful reminder of the fact that synagogues in America continue to be at risk for attacks as we witness historically high levels of antisemitism across the country and the proliferation of anti-Jewish hate online.

We also believe that the weekend's events underscore the importance of the work of ADL, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to fight antisemitism and secure justice and fair treatment to all, at which both of us have spent years volunteering. ADL's mission recognizes that hate never affects only one group and it has been working for over 100 years, to educate, advocate, investigate and prevent antisemitism and other forms of bias and bigotry, and the violence that can follow. Our organization and others like it can and must continue to play a role in working cooperatively with law enforcement to mitigate the threat of incidents like this.

reat of incidents like this. To paraphrase Martin Luther King Jr., the moral arc of the universe bends toward justice and we believe that we must use our efforts to bend it, that this trajectory requires work by all of us. At ADL, we do this by providing education programs for every age group to understand and prevent antisemitism, bias and bullying in schools and online, reaching tens of thousands of students every year. We have educated social workers, legislators, law enforcement. and community and business leaders about antisemitism, bias, bigotry and extremism. ADL has spent decades fighting for civil rights in the courts and in state and federal legislatures, drafting many of the country's first hate crimes laws, including those concerning online hate,

and fighting for racial justice and voting rights.

ADL, through its center on extremism and its center on technology and society, monitors extremism and hate and maintains important databases on extremist groups, hate symbols and the prevalence of hate-motivated incidents across the country. Our data shows that between 2015 and 2018, antisemitic incidents in the U.S. doubled. In 2019, ADL logged a record number of antisemitic incidents since we began tracking them in 1979. Antisemitism is often a gauge for the level of hatred of all kinds in society, including racism, anti-immigrant bigotry, and more. In 2019, the U.S. recorded 7,314 hate crimes. In 2020, hate crimes targeting the AAPI community rose by 150% in major U.S. cities. In the virtual world, we have found that 41% of Americans experienced online harassment last year, especially the LGBTQ+ community, which experienced higher levels of harassment.

We are writing today because the Colleyville synagogue incident is yet another painful reminder that the American Jewish community continues to be the target of antisemitic attacks fueled by extremism. Fighting hate, as the work

of ADL illustrates, requires a multipronged approach in which we all work together collaboratively.

We want to point out that a local Catholic church provided a place for the Colleyville Jewish community to gather during the hours of the hostage situation and that a local Muslim leader was present in support of the wife of the rabbi who had been taken hostage. These are small yet important examples of how we can all work to support each other, not only in times of crisis. We hope this event can be an opportunity to further improve Muslim-Jewish relationships. We can also ask Congress to increase funding to protect religious institutions through the nonprofit security grant program. And with antisemitism posing a grave threat to Jewish communities everywhere, we can all call on the U.S. Senate to confirm Prof. Deborah Lipstadt as the state department's special envoy to monitor and combat antisemitism. We hope you will join us in standing together and fighting hate for good.

Alan Lazowski is on the ADL national board; Suzanne Pinkes is the ADL Connecticut board

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Schenone Court (Volume 621 Page 1024) owned by Michael A. Johnson, owing

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Notice of Proposed Remediation

DEMCO, LLC, located at PO Box 354 in Centerbrook, Connecticut (the owner), is providing this public notice of planned remediation at the property located at 8 Industrial Park Road (Units 8, 9, & 30), Centerbrook, Connecticut (the parcel – REM ID No. 10910). Planned remediation includes recordation of an Environmental Use Restriction (EUR) within the next 12 months to address substances in soil beneath the parcel at concentrations exceeding applicable direct exposure and pollutant mobility criteria contained in the Remediation Standard Regulations (RSRs), R.C.S.A. Sections 22a-133k·1 through 22a-133k·3. The purpose of the proposed EUR is to ensure that the parcel will not be used for residential purposes and that soil polluted with substances exceeding the direct exposure and pollutant DEMCO, LLC, located at PO Box 354 in poses and that soil polluted with substances exceeding the direct exposure and pollutant mobility criteria for such substances under the RSRs are inaccessible and environmen-tally isolated. Interested persons may obtain information pertaining to the proposed EUR via mail to Darby W. Hittle, L.E.P., Thunderbine Environmental, LLC, 14 Leffingwell Road, Clinton, Connecticut 06413, or via email to darby@tbirderv.com, or by calling (860) 227-4714. Public comments on the proposed EUR may be submitted in writing or via email to Mr. Hittle for a period of thirty days after publication of this notice.

1/19/2022 7130378 Hartford CT Minority Opportunity on PLA Project – Silktown Roofing is currently soliciting SBE/MBE/DBE subcontractors for Public Notice; Hartford CT- Burns Latino School Renovation. Trades; carpentry, portable restrooms. Material Supply; flatstock metal, Lumber. Our bid submits on Thursday, January 27, 2022. If additional time is needed for your submission please call our needed for your submission please call our estimating department. Interested parties are asked to contact us at subcontracting@ silktownroofing.com. An Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer. 1/19/2022 7130390

INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Wethersfield is accepting proposals on the following:

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR

All proposals must be submitted on forms and in accordance with specifications supplied by the Town of Wethersfield, Purchasing Office, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Specification packages may be downloaded. ages may be downloaded http://wethersfieldct.com/finance/

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 4, 2022. 1/19/2022 7130442

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

Notice To: Robert Perzel, putative father of child born to Avery B. (aka Erica E) on 1/6/22 of parts unknown. A petition has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and worthy berson.

private or public agency or a suitable and worthy person.
The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 2/18/22 @ 12:15pm at SCJM 25 School Street, Rockville, CT 06066
Hearing on an Order of Temporary Custody will be heard on 1/21/22 @ 9:30am at SCJM, 25 School Street, Rockville, CT 06066
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the

hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of Tolland, CT /s/ Hon. Dawne Westbrook /s/ Tiffany Thibodeau

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is 1/19/2022 7130785

Date signed 1/13/22

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction Extra space Storage will nitrol a public acction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 163 South Road Enfield, CT. 06082
Auction Date and Time: 01/26/2022 at

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Leb Sandra Pagan-Household Items
H35 Tyler Huller-Household Items
The auction will be listed and advertised
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must be made with cash only and paid at the
above referenced facility in order to complete
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refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase
up until the winning bidder takes possession
of the personal property. of the personal property. 1/12, 1/19/2022 7124811

Notice of Issuance Modified General Permit to Construct d Operate a Commercial Facility for the anagement of Recyclable Materials and Certain Solid Wastes

Pursuant to sections 22a-208(a)(i) and 22a-454(e)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") hereby provides notice of the issuance of the modified General Permit to Construct and Operate a Commercial Facility for the Management of Recyclable Materials and Certain Solid Wastes. The general permit allows for the aggregation of recyclable materials and certain wastes at aggregation locations for those materials and wastes. The general permit also allows for limited processing of certain

receipt, storage, transfer and limited pro-cessing of food waste, provided certain conditions are met, at aggregation locations throughout the state. The Public Notice of Tentative Determination to modify the general permit was published in six newspapers statewide on November 17, 2021. No comments were received during

materials and wastes at the aggregation locations. The general permit modification includes an additional facility category (presented as Appendix H) to authorize the

the 30 day comment period. This general permit and any registration forms are available on the DEEP website at https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Permits-and-Licenses/Permits-and-Licenses, or and-Licenses/Permits-and-Licenses, or may be obtained from the Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut during normal business hours. Questions regarding this general permit may be directed to Elizabeth Moore at 860.424.3567 or Elizabeth.Moore@ct.gov.

Date: January 13, 2022

Betsey Wingfield, Deputy Commissioner Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact Elizabeth.Moore@ct.gov if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, or require some other accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint to DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at deep accommodations@ct.gov. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event. program or event. 1/19/2022 7130227

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DEMING RIDGE INVITATION TO BID

The Metro Construction Corporation is seeking bids from qualified subcontractors, suppliers, and service providers for the construction of an 88 unit, new mixed-income housing development on a greenfield site located in Berlin, Connecticut. Interested parties must provide evidence of qualifications, including but not limited to:

o Concrete material supply Nominum of ten years trade experience
Experience working as a subcontractor on projects of a least 50 units
References from building owners and supply houses
Workers Compensation & adequate general liability insurance
Pre-bid meeting Wednesday, January 26th, 2022. Contact below for time/location
Sealed bids due February 9th, 2022 to the address below

Materials and trades bid per this advertisement include

The Metro Construction Corporation must demonstrate good faith efforts to meet the 25% set-aside goals for SBE and 6.25% set-aside goals for MBE/WBE/DBE.

To request full bid package, use Dropbox link:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i685gjtpymd9obz/AABX9IfEv4y9aoz0jy0tHmf_a?dl=0 Or contact:

The Metro Construction Corporation 6 Executive Drive, Suite 100 Farmington, CT 06032 wcswerko@metro-realty.com

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply. 1/19-21/2022 7130956

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Sec. 21(f) of the City Charter, public hearings are scheduled by the Ordinance Committee of the City Council, duly authorized, on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 in the First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT on the following proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ciriliances Code of Ordinances.

LEGAL NOTICE

BRISTOL, CT ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

It shall be prohibited, at all times, for an individual to smoke and/or use any tobacco or cannabis product in any form while at a city park or recreational property. At 5:10 p.m., adding a definition to Sec. 16-7. Definitions. "Cannabis" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240 of the CT General Statutes; "Cannabis product" means cannabis that is in the form of cannabis concentrate or a

· At 5:00 p.m., Sec. 16-3. Tobacco products prohibited in city parks and recreational

product that contains cannabis, which many be combined with other ingredients, and is intended for use or consumption. ATTEST: Therese Pac Town and City Clerk 1/19/22 7126752

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* Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order

OBITUARIES

Abucewicz, Roger



Roger Abucewicz, 73, of New Britain passed away peacefully at his home on January 15, at his home on January 15, 2022 with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Susan (Maciag) Abucewicz. Roger was born in New Britain on August 30, 1948, son of the late Adolf and Wanda (Toenniges) Abucewicz. He was a lifelong New Britain resident and devote member of Sacred Heart Church. Roger led a successful 45 year career as an Electronic Technician at Kaman Aerospace, formerly Raymond Engineering.

formerly Raymond Engineering.
Roger was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend; a true family man. Along with his wife Susan, he is survived by his son Christopher Abucewicz; daughter Melissa Blancato and her husband Darren; and grandchildren Tiffany and Tyler Blancato. Roger is also survived by his sister Elizabeth Richter; sister-in-law-Jo-Anne Keith; brothers-in-law Thomas Maciag and his wife Eileen, and Victor Riccio; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Richard Abucewicz.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Roger's family on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Burritt Hill, 332 Burritt St., New Britain. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, New Britain. Burial will be private. To share a memory with Roger's family, please visit www.duksa.net.



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Craven, Howell D.



Howell D. Craven, 79, of West Hartford, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2022. He was the beloved wife of Janet (Bauer) Craven. Howell was born in Hartford on January 13, 1943, son of the late Lawrence and Myrtle (Howell) Craven. He was a lifelong resident of West Hartford and a graduate of Hill High School. Howell served our country honorably

during the Vietnam War. He went on to have a successful career with SNET, working there for 43 years.

Along with his wife, Janet, Howell is survived by his sons Jeffrey Craven and his wife Elaina, and Jeremy Craven and his wife Michelle Dahl; grand-children Wesley and William Craven, and Shelby and Crayen Dahl; and sisters Elizabeth Goldfarh and Lauria Cash Dahl; and sisters Elizabeth Goldfarb and Laurie

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Howell's family on Thursday, Jan. 20th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. His funeral service will take place on Friday, Jan. 21st at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be private. To share a memory with his family, please visit www.duksa.net.



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OBITUARIES

Buchanan, Lea (Cavalieri)



Lea (Cavalieri) Buchanan of Rocky Hill, 98, wife of the late, James W. Buchanan, died January 15, 2022, peacefully with her family by her side. She was born in Hartford, CT on February 28, 1923 to the late Paul and Pauline Cavalieri and lived in the area her whole life. She was a woman of great faith and love for her family.

She graduated from St. Joseph College in West Hartford in 1946 and loved to write, practice her faith, take photos and raise her children and grandchildren. She spent hours lovingly recording and grandchildren. She spent hours lovingly recording and organizing memories and highlights of the lives of her five children. She was a passionate swimmer and enjoyed spending time at Great Hammock Beach in Old Saybrook, CT. She was a participant of Saint James Church of St. Josephine Bahkita Parish, St. Augustine in Hartford and a member of the Third Order of the Carmelites. She often attended Mass daily and participated in the Rosary Society.

She is survived by her children, Vivian Wotton, her husband Cleve, Laura Kearney, Diane Westbrook, her husband Kirk, Philip Buchanan, his wife Rochelle and her

band Cleve, Laura Kearney, Diane Westbrook, ner nus-band Kirk, Philip Buchanan, his wife Rochelle and her daughter-in-law Trish Buchanan. She was predeceased by her son, Paul S. Buchanan and her son-in-law, John F. Kearney, her sisters, Mary Lantieri, Francesca Cavalieri and Marguerita Rafala. She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may visit on Friday, January 21, 2022 from 9:30AM to 10:30AM at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd. Wethersfield. A Mass Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd. Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial, celebrating Lea's life will be held Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:00AM in Saint James Church of Saint Josephine Bahkita Parish, 767 Elm St. Rocky Hill. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Ave. Hartford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to EWTN, Catholic Global Network, 5827 Old Leeds Rd. Irondale, AL. 35210 or Believe 208 c/o CT alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement, 82 Cottonwood Rd., Newington, CT 06111. For further information or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com.

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Funeral Home

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Brown, Dennis J.



Dennis J. Brown, 77, Plainville, passed away following a brief illness on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at John Dempsey Hospital, with his daughters by his side.

Born in Bangor, ME on March 1, 1944, Dennis was one of four children and sibling to many foster children to the late Walter and Goldie (Flannery) Brown. Raised and educated in Maine, he enlisted in the

U.S. Army shortly after high school, and settled in Plainville upon being honorably discharged, where he raised his two daughters and became a proud Grampie. A man of hard work ethics, Dennis was a longtime member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 478, working at various companies, including Tilcon/Roncari working at various companies, including Tilcon/Roncari and Bechtel Engineering. Upon retiring, Dennis made a hobby of playing bad golf in warm places, looking forward to the 19th hole at each course. A member of the VFW Post 574, the American Legion and the St. Joseph Polish Society, Dennis will be remembered for his pride in his country, his love for his family, the Red Sox and Patriots, his humor and never mincing his words. He will be missed, leaving many cherished memories that will forever bring smiles to the faces of those he loved. He leaves his daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Todd Ginter of CO and Michelle and Troy Kline of CT; his grandchildren, Jaxon Kline, and Evelyn, Grayson and Benjamin Ginter his sisters. Dollie Barkely and

his grandchildren, Jaxon Kline, and Evelyn, Grayson and Benjamin Ginter; his sisters, Dollie Barkely and Beulah "Boots" Jordan; his brother, Louis Harris and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his brother, Walter Brown, Jr. In honor of his fellow veterans, Dennis may be remembered with contributions to the D.A.V of CT, 80 Hall Ave, Suite 801, Meriden, CT 06450. Family and friends may gather in celebration of Dennis' life on Thursday, January 20, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Words of remembrance will be shared at 7 p.m., followed by military honors. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Dennis' tribute page at www. PlainvilleFuneralHome.com



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Geisel, Frederick J.



Frederick J. Geisel, 72, of Gloucester, MA, passed away peacefully in his home on January 9th, 2022, after an 18-year battle with prostate cancer.

He was a Professional Engineer, a graduate of Tufts University undergraduate, the University of Cincinnati Masters in Environmental and Civil Engineering, and

and Northeastern University Masters in Business Administration. His engineering career began at Green International in the Boston area and eventually started his own company GCG Associates, in Lynnfield, MA. His last major career move was a consulting firm, Geisel Engineering, in Gloucester, MA. He was a member of the Gloucester Conservation Commission in the late 80'-90s and most recently a member of the Stage Fort Park Committee that has been instrumental in restoring the park and buildings in preparation for Gloucester's 400th anniversary. He was a passionate sports fan, holding season tickets for Celtics and Red Sox over the years. Loved outdoor activities, hiking, cycling, skiing, boogie boarding, and early Sunday mornings at Good Harbor with a bagel, coffee, and the Boston Globe. His family was his greatest love and pride. Fred will always be remembered for the stories he told, his infectious laugh and smiles, the love he shared with the people

around him, and the conviction of his own opinion.

He leaves behind his wife, R Faye Geisel (Scott), their children, Molly Geisel Vigil and her husband Brian Vigil, of Denver, CO, Kevin Geisel, his wife Jessica Pascucci of Denver, CO, Kevin Geisel, his wife Jessica Pascucci Geisel, and two beautiful grandchildren, Theadora Rose Geisel and Oliver Wilde Geisel, of Gloucester, sister Jeanne Geisel Meade and husband Gary Meade, Chester, CT, and several nieces and nephews, extended family, Kathy Scott Smith of Vergennes, VT, Mark Blowers Jacksonville FL, Roger Janson and Shari Button of Plymouth MA and Naples El of Plymouth MA and Naples FL.

A Celebration of his remarkable life will be planned

for early summer 2022.

Arrangements by the Greely Funeral Home, 212 Washington Street, Gloucester. For online guestbook please visit www.greelyfuneralhome.com

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Coyle, Daniel "Danny" P.



Daniel Peter Coyle, 68, of Glastonbury passed away peacefully Saturday, January 15, 2022 at home. Danny was born to the late John J. and Margaret (Call) Coyle on June 29, 1953 in New London, CT. He was a great actor, the world was his stage, he was in hundreds of plays and was in theater over his life. He never felt more alive

life. He never felt more alive than when he was acting, he did a few commercials but loved acting and directing on stage, which was his lifetime passion. Everyone loved Danny, he would do anything for his family. He was very benevolent and would do anything for anyone and had a desire to help the less fortunate, he never looked down on anyone and would always lift their spirits and help any way he could. Danny was an animal lover, especially his four German Shepherds that he loved with all his heart. Danny was a devout Catholic and had been a communicant of Saint Paul Church in Glastonbury since 1962. He was known well in the church community and had been cant of Saint Paul Church in Glastonbury since 1962. He was known well in the church community and had been an usher there for many years. In his younger years he loved playing all sports and throughout his life he loved watching his beloved New York Giants and New York Mets. Danny loved the being by the water, especially Fisher's Island, which he had fond memories of growing up there and thought it was a place unspoiled by time and man, a true paradise on Earth. For the last 19 years, Danny and his brother Kevin lived together for nineteen years after the passing of their mother. They had a special bond of loyalty, trust and love and were always there for each other in good times and bad but always there for each other in good times and bad but their bond could never be broken. Danny leaves behind his brothers, Jack Coyle and

his wife Barbara of Middletown and Kevin Coyle of Glastonbury, and his sister-in-law Fran Coyle of Newington. He is also survived by his cousing Marbara

Newington. He is also survived by his cousins, Barbara Jean Collins, Maureen Keller and her husband Mike and Tommy Langley, all of Florida. Danny was predeceased by his brother Mickey Coyle.

Friends and family may call on the Coyle family on Thursday, January 20 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Ave. Glastonbury. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Danny's life will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 10:00AM in Saint Paul Church of Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish 2577 Main Street Glastonbury The Coyle family Parish, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury. The Coyle family would like to give a special thanks to Danny's doctors nurses and technicians at Saint Francis Hospital, Dana Farber and Brigham and Women's Hospital. To leave a condolence, or for further information, please visit FarleySullivan.com

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Erickson, Donald G.



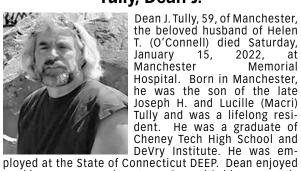
Donald G. Erickson "Don", 78, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Jerome Home in New Britain. He was a New Britain native and longtime resident. He was very religious, a member of the First Lutheran Church of Reformation Britain, and served as an altar boy in his youth. Don was a Corporal in the U.S. Marine
Corps, stationed in multiple
locations including Hawaii at the start of

the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1964. He was proud of his service, loved America, and was frequently seen wearing his Marine Corps cap. Whenever he saw the U.S. flag he would salute and say, "Semper Fi." Don was a Dept. of Defense purchasing agent for military throughout Connecticut 2008. Don had many interests and hobbies including the study of history, carpentry, and the maintenance of machines both great and small. Don was predeceased by his loving wife, Judith A. (Zakrzewski) Erickson; by brothers, Arthur Erickson and Carl Erickson; and by sisters, Madeline Fazzina and Doris Anderson. He is survived by his son, Craig A. Erickson and his wife Patrice, of Rochester Hills, MI; as well as an extended family. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Don's family on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Duksa Family Europa Homes at Burgitt 10:30 a.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Burritt Hill, 332 Burritt St., New Britain. His funeral service will take place in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Don's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America www. alzfdn.org. To share a message of sympathy with his family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Tully, Dean J.



Dean J. Tully, 59, of Manchester, the beloved husband of Helen T. (O'Connell) died Saturday, January 15, 2022, Manchester Memorial Hospital. Born in Manchester, he was the son of the late Joseph H. and Lucille (Macri) Tully and was a lifelong resident. He was a graduate of

working on cars and motorcycles, with his sons. His number one love, though, was his wife and his boys. He was a scout leader and active with the Boy Scouts as his sons grew up, and always cherished attending their sporting events whether it be soccer or football. He was a proud father who appreciated his kids. His passion for cars came through in rebuilding Mustangs with his sons and his dad. Helen and Dean enjoyed almost weekly rides to the beach. A great friend and a go to guy, who loved a good meal with family and friends, especially the Friday afternoon pizzas in the garage with his dad.

Grateful for sharing his life with his wife of 32 years, he is survived by his children Shane Tully and Ryan Tully, both of Manchester; his siblings, Dorothy Zarrella and her husband Lou of Manchester, Kim Griffith and her husband Ken of Mitchell, SD, and Alan Tully and his wife Heidi of Concord, NC; his step-mother Shirley Tully of Manchester; his uncle Fred Tully and Maryann of Hill City, SD and numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, January 21st from 4-6 pm at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester. A memorial service will be held immediately following at 6 pm. For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

JOHN F.



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OBITUARIES

O'Brien, Robert P.



Robert ("Bob") P. O'Brien Sr., 76, devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on January 15th after a long and courageous battle against Multiple Sclerosis. Bob was born to the late James and Marie O'Brien in Philadelphia, where he also met his beloved late wife of over 34 years, Rosemarie O'Brien. Following his graduation from LaSalle University, Bob was drafted into the army and served honorably for three years during the Vietnam War, being promoted to first lieutenant and earning the Bronze Star. Upon his return from Vietnam, Bob earned an MBA from Temple University that opened the door for his first finance job at the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, MI. Bob and his family soon relocated to Farmington, CT, where he and Rosemarie raised their family and Bob held various finance positions over a 29-year career at the United Technologies Corporation.

Bob loved basketball, and even though his eventual Multiple Sclerosis diagnosis may have cut short his ability to run the fast break, Bob found ways to support athletics and instill a

love of sports in his family and others. You could always find him on the sidelines cheering on his daughter playing volleyball and basketball or his son playing soccer, basketball, and baseball, when he wasn't coaching himself. If you ever visited him, there was a better chance than not that sports were on the TV, the volume inching up as the years went on. He was a staunch supporter of the Connecticut Special Olympics, where he helped conduct the annual Summer Games in New Haven. Bob was also a devout Catholic, being an involved parishioner and Eucharistic Minister of the Church of St. Patrick in Farmington, where he served the Holy Sacrament to other parishioners and to residents of local convalescent homes.

Bob will be deeply missed by his two children, his daughter Colleen and her husband, Zac Pencikowski of North Kingstown, RI and his son Rob and his wife Dana of Needham, MA. Adoring grandfather of Eleanor and Henry Penbrien, and Conor, Declan, Finn and Maeve O'Brien. Brother of Jim O'Brien and wife Mary-Anne of Lancaster, PA, and his late brother Joseph O'Brien and late wife Eileen of Geneseo, NY. Bob is also survived by his dear friend, Elizabeth Tivnan, as well as loving nieces, nephews and cousins, many of whom still reside in the Philadelphia area. We are sure Bob would wish to express his gratitude to the caring staff of Tockwotton on the Waterfront, where Bob lived the last seven years.

A private service for family and friends in Bob's memory will be held in the coming months in Philadelphia where he will be buried next to Rosemarie.

Bob's fight against Multiple Sclerosis began in his early 40's, and his later years were a demonstration of both the unfairness of the disease and of Bob's incredible strength in enduring its challenges. He requested that any donations in his memory be made online to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (nationalmssociety.org) or at the mailing address of PO Box #91891, Washington, D.C. 20090.

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Hurston, Gregory Allen



It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Gregory Allen Hurston, 38 of Hartford announce his passing. After a brief illness, Gregory peacefully passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at St Francis Hospital. He was the beloved son of Dorothy Faye Hurston of Hartford and the late Robert Lewis Griffin. He was born and

raised in Hartford, graduated from Bloomfield High School in 2002. He earned his BA from the University of School in 2002. He earned his BA from the University of Hartford and spent his career as a counselor. He enjoyed traveling and always had a funny story to share. Besides his beloved mother Dorothy Faye Hurston, he leaves his loving aunts Barbara Sampson of East Windsor, Karen Armstrong, his second mother of Bloomfield, Joyce West, Vickie Hurston-Riley both of Windsor, and a former foster child TJ who Greg loved as a son. He grew up with and had a special bond with his cousins Robin. India. Amber. and James. He also leaves cousins Robin, India, Amber, and James. He also leaves many cousins, second cousins, uncles, and many friends. Greg was predeceased by his grandparents Edgar and Dorothy Hurston. His family will receive friends Monday, January 24, 2022, at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor. Calling hours are from 11am - 1pm, Funeral Service at 1 pm. A reception will follow the funeral service. All COVID guidelines will be followed. Please wear a mask. For directions or condolences please visit www.car monfuneralhome.com



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Favazza, James Dennis



FAVAZZA, JAMES DENNIS earned his angel wings on Sunday, January 9 when he died unexpectedly at home in Branford. He was born in Hartford, December 19, 1951 to Frank and Anita Sorensen Favazza. We always called him Denny.

Denny spent his growing up years in South Windsor and Ellington. He graduated from

Ellington High School in 1969 where he was Captain of the golf team and played baritone horn. He loved the ocean and lived much of his adult years in Cape Cod. Admittedly, he liked nice clothes and fine shoes! He managed different shoe stores until his retirement when he became a car salesman, which he enjoyed more than expected. His good friend Shannon can tell

He loved to play golf, go to the beach, and "everything sports". More importantly, family was everything to Denny. We smile as we remember his strong love for his mother, sisters, brother, niece, and nephew. When words fail, music speaks - Hans Christian Andersen.

Denny leaves to mourn him, his mother Anita Canosa, sisters Dianne and husband Craig Fletcher, Christine and husband Jim Nevers, brother Patrick Canosa, nephew Ryan Wilcox, niece Meghan Wilcox Canosa, and a special friend Cynthia and her son Booker. Denny was pre-deceased by his father Frank Favazza, grandmother Christine Sorensen, step-father Pat Canosa who he loved so much, and his beloved dog Piper. Denny would have said, "I'm more alive now than I was. I just changed addresses.

There will be no services at this time. Please see his online memorial @ www.wsclancy.com.

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Silverman, Arthur B



Arthur B. Silverman, 96 years young, moved on from this world to the next surrounded by his loving family. His joy for life, compassion, and sense of humor was infec-tious to everyone he met. He had passion for the outdoors, the arts, literature, and history. He found ways to bridge his rich Jewish background, son of the late Rabbi Morris and Althea Silverman, with a

belief in pantheism and the spirit in nature. His commitment to community includes His commitment to community includes serving on boards to the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Saratoga Opera Company, and Connecticut Opera Company. A graduate from Williams College he served in World War Two as a marine in the Pacific surviving a kamikaze attack on his transfer ship. Above all, he cherished his family: wife and best friend for 74 plus years Rita; son David who predeceased him; son Jonathan and daughter-in-law Martha Ming Whitfield from Charlotte, Vermont; daughter Yehudit and son-in law John Hoffer from Montreal, Canada; brother Hillel Silverman from Los Angeles California: brother Hillel Silverman from Los Angeles, California; grandchildren Joshua Hoffer and his wife Vicky Bass; Rebecca Hoffer and partner Tim LeMoine and their

flowers please make any donations to the hospice and/ or palliative care of your choice. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

daughter Taylor; Amira Silverman; Rayona Silverman;

and great-grandson Daniel Arthur LeMoine. In lieu of

Sheridan, Martina "Tina" T



Martina "Tina" Sheridan, 74 of Palm Coast, Florida, passed away Thursday, January 13, 2022, with her beloved life partner Clay Adamec by her side. She wás surroundéd by love from near and far when she passed. Tina was born on January 15, 1947, in Hartford, CT to the late John and Carmen (Raconne) Sheridan. She grew up in Windsor Locks and was the third child of five, falling per-

fectly in the middle. Tina was a free spirit who lived in Connecticut and Vermont, but eventually settled in Palm Coast, Florida where she and Clay enjoyed the mild temperatures and the warm ocean breeze. Tina and Clay would make it a point to visit family in Connecticut as much as possible. Everyone always looked forward to spending time with her and the many moments of joy and laughter that were shared. Tiná was an amazing cook and made fabulous meals for family and friends any chance she got. Her love for travel led her around the world visiting her favorite places including Italy, the Caribbean, Mexico, and Hawaii. Her final week was spent peacefully with Clay, enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the Florida Keys. Tina was an amazing woman with so much love for life and family. Although we will miss her witty comments, thoughtful advice, and infectious laugh she can now rest peacefully. She leaves to mourn, her life partner, Clay Adamec; four siblings, Sandra Quagliaroli, David Sheridan and wife Imelda, Steve Sheridan and wife Nanay Bits Sheridan and partner lon Souings and partner long so wife Nancy, Rita Sheridan and partner Jon Savino; as well as the many cousins, friends, nieces, and nephews that adored her. Tina is predeceased by her brotherin-law, Jerry Quagliaroli in 2021. Tina did not want a memorial service, but instead a celebration of her life, which reflects exactly who she was. We will gather in the spring to celebrate her life. The Sheridan family has entrusted arrangements to Clymer Funeral Home & Cremations, Palm Coast, FL. On-line condolences can be made at www.clymerfuneralhome.com

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McAllister, Tom



Tom McAllister, 75, born in Glenwood Landing, NY, passed away peacefully and sur-rounded by his family in Manchester on January 17, 2022

Tom leaves behind his lov-ing wife of 30-years Mary McAllister, Son Mark and his wife Tracy, of Bedford, NH; Son Michael and his wife Leslie of Auburn, NH; Daughter Carrie of Glastonbury, as well as his beloved grandchildren

Payton, Ethan, Chase and Cameron, and great-grandson Gavin. In addition, Tom is survived by his sisters Ann Stoddard, Margaret Woolard, Patricia Brazauskaus, Elizabeth Comparetto and Adeline Hannah. Tom is predeceased by his parents George and Ann, and his sisters Georgine and Joan.

Always a humble veteran, Tom proudly served his country in the United States Air Force in two tours of Vietnam. Later in life, he eventually settled in Connecticut and started his family. He was employed by the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier for over 34 years and leaves behind an extended postal family. Tom retired in 2010, embracing life as a grandfather and doggy daycare specialist.

Tierney Funeral home in Manchester will be hosting calling hours to take place 4-7PM on Thursday January 20th, with funeral services beginning at Tierney on Friday January 21st at 11AM, followed by burial at Hillstown Veterans Cemetery in Manchester with full

The family wishes to thank UCONN Health Center for their ongoing care, as well as Masonicare Hospice Services of East Hartford. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the local veteran charity of your choice. For online condolences, please visit www. tierneyfuneralhome.com



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Sosnicki, Joseph J.



Joseph J. Sosnicki, 95, of Granby, beloved husband of the late Jane (Nilsson) Sosnicki passed away Friday, January 14, 2022. He was born in Windsor Locks to the late Joseph Sosnicki and Catherine Urban. Joe was predeceased by two brothers and one sister. Joe proudly served in the United States Navy (Seabees) in World

War II. Joe and his wife Jane spent much enjoyable time traveling by auto to many parts of the country. After retirement from GE as a refrigeration and appliance tech he loved caring for his home and yard.

Graveside service will be held for family. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Fontana, Giuseppa



(Giarratana) Fontana passed away peacefully, after a long illness, surrounded by her family on January 16, 2022. Giuseppa was born on May 29, 1937 in the town of Floridia, Sicily. She was the loving wife of the late Antonio Fontana, and a loving mother to her four children, sons Salvatore Fontana, who resides in Salvatore

Colchester with his wife Robin, Sebastian Fontana, who resides in Rocky Hill with his wife Lisa, Joseph Fontana, who resides in Wethersfield with his wife Kathy, and daughter Maria Rose Degrandi, who resides in Rocky Hill with her husband Claudio. She is survived by her grandchildren Anthony, Sabrina, Jonathan, Tony, Bianca, Stephen, Brianna, Joey and Christina, as well as her 10 great grandchildren. Giuseppa is survived by her siblings Antonio Giarratana, Salvatore Giarratana, and Concettina Tralongo and predeceased by Paulina Gennuso, and Giuseppe Giarratana.

Giuseppa was a long time member of the Floridian Ladies Society and loved her weekly Bingo. She worked at the American Bazar, then went to help her son, Sebastian, at his store, The Farm, where they worked side by side for many years. Giuseppa always loved socializing and making people smile. Family was Giuseppa's proudest accomplishment, and she cherished spending time with them and sharing her traditions. She was an amazing them and sharing her traditions. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

We would like to give a special thanks to all of her healthcare workers, including her caregivers and Hospice nurses, who showed both Giuseppa and her family respect and compassionate care through this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to Masonicare Home Health and Hospice or to the Alzheimer's Association

Family and friends are invited to the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home at BROOKLAWN 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill on Friday, January, 21st, from 9:30-11:30a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon in The Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St. Wethersfield. Interment will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com.

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Brockett, Rosemary



Rosemary (Mim) Brockett passed away peacefully on January 14, 2022, at the age of 90. Mim was born February 15, 1931 in East Orange, New Jersey. She graduated from Charles E. Gorton High School in 1948, then studied at Randolph-Macon Woman's College and went on to earn her RN degree from St Johns Riverside Hospital in Yonkers,

New York. Mim loved tennis and golf. While living in Suffield, CT she served as president of the Garden Club as well as president of the Emergency Aid Association, was a member of the Suffield Woman's Club and volunteered at the Hathaway Historical House. After moving to Homosassa, FL in 1993, she became very active in the Homosassa River Garden Club, and was instrumental in getting the Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Stage Stand Cemetery. She was a member of Sugarmill Woods Country Club and of Southern Woods Country Club where she enjoyed a love-hate relationship with golf

for many years. Mim was preceded in death by Dr. Fred (Ted) J. Brockett, Jr., whom she married after being widowed from Frank Firor Ir She leaves behind daughter Janice (Brockett Williams; son Frank Firor III and his wife Cecilia Firor; daughter Virginia (Firor) Keilty and husband Richard Keilty, Jr.; grandchildren Nathan Williams, Luke Williams and wife Angel Williams, Tyler Williams, Amelia Firor and husband Alex Jares, Stephanie Firor, Richard Keilty III and wife Steffanie Keilty, Colleen Keilty and Curtis Keilty: as well as four great grandchildren. Owen Keilty; as well as four great grandchildren, Owen Williams, Liam Williams, Richard Keilty IV and Conrad Keilty.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Wilder Funeral Home at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 29, 2022 4890 South Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa, FL 34446.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made in Mim's name to the Homosassa River Garden Club, PO Box 4293, Homosassa, FL 34447.

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Quental, David J.



David J. Ouental, 45 Newington, son of David M. and Irene (Pina) Quental, died Monday, January 17, 2022. Born in Vale de Cambra, Portugal, he lived most of his life in the Hartford area. He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Hartford. Besides his parents he leaves a daughter Juliana Quental; two

sisters Christina Rodrigues and Angela Quental. David was predeceased by a brother Antonio Quental.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, January 21, 2022, at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Fatima Square, 50 Kane Street, Hartford. Everyone is requested to meet directly at the Church. Burial will

be in West Meadow Cemetery, 679 Willard Avenue, Newington. Online condolences may be made at www. SheehanHilbornBreen.com Sheehan Hilborn Breen **FUNERAL HOME**

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Ptak, Antoni



Antoni Ptak, 61, of Rocky Hill, died Monday, January 17th, 2022. Born in Rabka, Poland, he was a resident of Rocky Hill, Connecticut for 25 years. Antoni was a loving husband, father, soon to be Grandpa, son, brother, uncle, and friend to everyone. He is survived by his wife, Agata Ptak; children, Maria and Sebastian

Ptak, and Nate and Sara Mileo; along with his brother, sisters, family and friends in Poland and United States. A Funeral Mass will be Thursday, January 20th at 10 am at Ss Cyril & Methodius Church, Hartford, Connecticut. Calling hours will be held an hour before the Funeral Mass in the church. Burial will be Tuesday, January 25th at 11 am at Rose Hill Cemetery in Rocky Hill,

Connecticut. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

OBITUARIES

Lucia, Joan D.



The world lost another wonderful and giving person on January 12, 2022. Joanne Elizabeth Dobbs Lucia died of natural causes after living a long and fulfilling life of over long and fulfilling life of over 93 years. She approached life with the idea that if there was an experience she had not done, it was her goal to try at least once. She was a loving spouse to her husband, Leonard, married for 66 years until his death in June 2015. She was also a loving and dedicated mother to her chil-

a loving and dedicated mother to her children, David Lucia of Aubrey, TX, Jon Lucia of

dren, David Lucia of Aubrey, TX, Jon Lucia of Moline, IL and Susan Miltenberger of West Granby, CT, their spouses and her four granddaughters, Katie Bardaro of Snoqualmie, WA, Sara Miltenberger of West Hartford, CT, Ari Lucia of Henderson, NV and Callie Miltenberger of West Granby, CT. She was the oldest daughter of Felix Dobbs and Verna Lawson of Warren, PA who both pre-deceased her. She had wonderful, loving relationships with her siblings including William, Marilyn, Robert and Gale who pre-deceased her and leaves behind two of them, Diana Young of Youngsville PA and Dale Dobbs of Largo, FL. She also William, Marilyn, Robert and Gale who pre-deceased her and leaves behind two of them, Diana Young of Youngsville, PA and Dale Dobbs of Largo, FL. She also leaves behind many relatives from the Dobbs, Lawson and Lucia extended families in many parts of the country including Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Florida. Joan was born on April 25, 1928, and raised in Warren, PA. She graduated from Warren High School in 1945, met Len after he came home from WWII and it was love at first sight. Len always said, once he "saw her in her bikini" (albeit 1940's style), he was smitten. They married in June 1949, and he went to work as a teacher in Cambridge Springs, PA. Joan worked off and on over the early years as a secretary or executive assistant. From there they moved to Ohio for a few years and then the major move to Connecticut in the mid-1950's. Joan was raising the children but still found time to have several jobs over the years; worthy of mention would be working at the Rockville Junior Library for many years and as a research librarian assisting college students at Eastern Connecticut State University. Joan also always had a thirst for knowledge and was the proud recipient later in life of both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

Joan was a person of many talents and sought out many pursuits throughout her life. First came everything regarding her family but she also loved to travel near and far, spend time at the family beach home in Rhode Island, baking all sorts of creations, crafting many things including sewing, quilt-making, oil painting and making clothes for her granddaughters and their dolls. She was thought of as a "walking encyclopedia" given her extensive knowledge she had from reading and demonstrated by winning many a family game of Trivial Pursuit.

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She also enjoyed collecting many antiques over the years, including two Hoosier cabinets she spent many months searching for all over Pennsylvania and the northeast. In the early 1960's she convinced Len to move into an early American home built in the late 1700's; what she had always dreamed of living in. For many years they spent much time redesigning and filling their home with period antiques while Len spent an extensive amount of time updating and making many required repairs. She always loved learning new things, mostly from books for anything that piqued her interest. She enjoyed playing and typically winning many kinds of card games over the years with her family and friends.

One of her favorite trips was when Len and Joan took 11 family members for three weeks to Tuscany in 2009. Many times, she had talked about doing something similar because she it was so much fun with her family around her. She also went on several cruises after retirement with Len. While her children were young the family had traveled extensively to many North American locations while typically camping along the

Joan is survived by her three children, their spouses, four grandchildren and significant others, two siblings and many relatives from the Dobbs, Lawson and Lucia

Friends will be received on Saturday, June 22, at the eterson-Blick Funeral Home, Warren, PA, from until noon at which time a funeral service will be held there with the Rev. Jeffrey Ewing, pastor, First Lutheran Church, officiating, and internment in the Warren County Memorial Park shortly thereafter.

Any flowers or well wishes can be sent there, but Joan would more prefer donations in lieu of flowers to be made to St Jude's in her name. Joan will be buried near other family members at the Warren County Memorial Park in Warren, PA. The Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby is in care of the arrangements. To share a memory or condolence message with Joan's family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Favazza, James Dennis



James Dennis Favazza earned his angel wings on Sunday January 9 unexpectedly in Branford. He was born in Hartford, December 19, 1951 to Frank Favazza and Anita Sorensen Favazza. We always called him Denny. Denny spent his growing up years in South Windsor and Ellington. He graduated from Ellington High School in 1969 where he

was captain of the golf team and played baritone horn in the school band. He liked nice clothes and high end shoes. He was manager of different shoe stores until his retirement. Then he became a car salesman which he enjoyed more than he expected. His good friend, Shannon, can tell you that. He was very fond of him. He loved to play golf, go to the beach, and sports. Family was everything to Denny. We smile as we remember his strong love for his mother, sisters, brother, and niece and nephew. Denny leaves to mourn him, his mother, Anita Canosa, sisters Dianne and her husband Craig Fletcher, Christine and her husband Jim Nevers, brother Patrick Canosa, nephew Ryan Wilcox, and niece Meghan Wilcox-Canosa. Also, a special friend, Cynthia Dias and her son Booker. Denny was predeceased by his father Frank Favazza, grandmother Christine Sorensen, his stepfather Pat Canosa who he loved so much. Also several uncles, aunts, and cousins, and his beloved dog Piper. Denny would have said "I'm more alive now than I was. I just changed addresses." "When words fail, music speaks." (Hans Christian Anderson)

There will be no services at this time. Please see his online memorial @ www.wsclancy.com.

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MANGIAFICO, John "Giovanni"



John "Giovanni" Mangiafico, 80, of Wethersfield, beloved husband of Elaine (Schiavo) Mangiafico of 58 years, passed away peacefully after a period of declining health on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Born in Canicattini Bagni, province of Siracusa, Sicily, on November 20, 1941, he was

November 20, 1941, he was the middle son of five children to the late Sebastiano and Lucia (Ciarcia) Mangiafico.

John grew up in Sicily, traveled, worked, and paved the way for family to come to America, but his heart belonged to Italy. He retired after owning and operating John R. Mangiafico Masonry for many years, his passion and dedication to his trade was evident by the excellent reputation he had in his field. John was an extremely hard worker and provider for his family. He and his wife enjoyed traveling, gatherings with friends and family, and watching his favorite sports team, Juventus. For many years he was a member of Wethersfield UNICO and the Canicattinese Society of Hartford. As a member of these organizations, he

made many long lasting friendships.

John was a devoted husband and father but his life became complete when he became a "Nonno", his heart filled with pride and joy. He was happiest when spending time with his grandchildren. Nonno was a huge part of their lives, they love and will greatly miss their Nonno.

In addition to his loving wife Elaine, John sadly leaves his son Sebastian Mangiafico, his wife Katie, and grandson, Vincent of Berlin; his daughter, Lucia Morgan, her husband Allan, and granddaughter, Olivia of Wethersfield. He also leaves several relatives and

Special thanks to the wonderful and caring staff at LiveWell for the compassion shown to John and his

LiveWell for the compassion shown to John and his whole family. The family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, January 22 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Interment will follow the Mass at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Steben, Zena Jane (Ladotski)



Zena Jane (Ladotski) Steben, 92, of Manchester, passed away on Saturday, January 15, 2022 with her loving family by her side. Born on November 12,1929 she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Catherine Ladotski. In 1953 she married Edward R. Steben, and they were married for EQ. and they were married for 50 years before his passing in 2003. Zena was a very caring

person who always put family first. Together, with her husband Edward, they raised their 3 sons in South Windsor. She was involved in their schools, including PTA and Women's club. In her earlier years, Zena and Edward enjoyed square dancing, traveling, and spending time at their condo in Venice, Florida. She loved taking vacations with her family, and then later, friends. She also enjoyed entertaining in her home. For many years, she would host the annual July 4th party with all extended family, friends, and neighbors. Above all, she enjoyed playing cards with her friends at White Oaks. Edward and Zee, as she was called, started Ed Steben Glass Co. Inc. and grew the business until it was sold in 2008. The company would be a staple in this area of Connecticut. She leaves her loving sons and their families, Mark and Anne Steben of West Springfield, MA, Robert and Ellen Steben of Windsor, and Thomas Steben of East Hartford. She also leaves her cherished grandchildren, Brandon Steben of Farmington, Stephen Steben of Vernon and Sean Steben of Avon, as well as, several nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren. She also leaves some close friends, Ann and Howard Whitford of Newington, and some close friends within her community at White Oaks in Manchester. She was also predeceased by her brother, Peter Ladotski. Her family would like to extend their thanks to the Vernon Visiting Nurses and Caregiving by Kathy for their compassionate care during Zena's final months. Her family will receive friends for calling hours on Friday, January 21, 2022 from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor. The family requests that a mask be worn for the calling hours and at the church. A Mass of Christian Burial will hours and at the church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 22nd at 10 a.m. directly at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor. Burial will follow in Wapping Cemetery. Donations in her name may be made to the South Windsor Rotary Club, P. O. Box 491, South Windsor, CT 06074 or to the Visiting Nurse and Health Care of Connecticut, 8 Keynote Drive, Vernon, CT 06066. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com carmonfuneralhome.com



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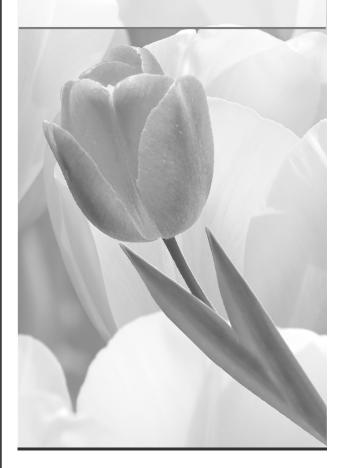


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Happy "58" Birthday! 'Rather than mourn the absence of the flame, let us celebrate how brightly it burned".

_ove, Mom, Todd, Beth, Briana and Kyle

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State's virus metrics continue decline

Experts say peak may have passed as positivity rate, hospital cases drop

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

Connecticut's COVID-19 metrics fell over the weekend and continued to decline Tuesday, a further indication the state may have passed the peak of its omicron

The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 in Connecticut reached its lowest point in the

past week on Tuesday, while the state's weekly test positivity rate was the lowest it has been since

Medical experts had predicted that Connecticut would hit its peak of COVID-19 cases in mid-January, with hospitalizations peaking somewhat later. Last week offered some promising early signs of those trends, as the state's weekly test positivity rate appeared to flatten and the rate of increase for hospitalizations began to slow. Now, both metrics have shown marked declines.

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiol-

ogist at Hartford HealthCare, said Tuesday that if the omicron variant has, in fact, peaked in Connecticut, it is possible that new variants could emerge in its wake. Even so, he said, it is likely that additional variants would result in increasingly mild disease.

"I don't know if we're going to see another surge," he said. "The hope is that with each increasing variant, even though it may be increasing in infectiousness, it decreases in terms of its lethality — its ability to replicate in the lungs and send people to the hospital and have them ventilated and in the ICUs."

Cases, positivity rate

Connecticut on Tuesday reported 4,264 new COVID-19 cases out of 23,124 tests administered, for a daily positivity rate of 18.44%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 18.85%, down significantly from 22.16% on Friday.

Connecticut has now averaged 6,545 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week, a noticeable decrease from the all-time high of 10.179 reached on Jan. 10.

Still, all eight Connecticut counties - along with nearly the entire

"high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to w0ear a mask in public indoor

Hospitalizations

As of Tuesday, Connecticut had 1,819 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, a decrease of 38 individuals since Tuesday and an over-

Turn to Virus. Page 2



State Rep. Gary Turco speaks during a news conference Monday at Newington Town Hall about a proposal to reduce the town's polling places from eight to three. Turco and state Sen. Matthew Lesser, right, spoke out against the proposal. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

NEWINGTON

Democrats criticize plan to reduce polling places

Sen. Lesser: 'You're going to have fewer people participate in our democracy'

By Daniela Altimari Hartford Courant

NEWINGTON — Democratic state lawmakers are denouncing a proposal to reduce the number of polling places in Newington, saying it could depress voter turnout and undermine democracy.

"This is a bad proposal for Newington residents," state Rep. Gary Turco said at a news conference Tuesday morning. "This would reduce their access to voting."

The plan, proposed jointly by the town's Democratic and Republican registrars of voters, would cut the number of polling places from eight to three.

But Sen. Matt Lesser, a Democrat from Middletown whose district includes Newington, said fewer polling places will result in longer lines. The burden, he said during Tuesday's press conference, will be felt most by parents of young children, people with disabilities and older voters.

"I am fired up with anger at

this proposal," said Lesser, who is exploring a run for secretary of the state, Connecticut's top elections officer. "You're going to have fewer people participate in our democracy. You're going to have a less representative government. That has an impact on all our rights as Americans."

Mayor Beth A. DelBuono, a Republican, noted that the plan is bipartisan, having the support of both the Republican and Democratic registrars. She accused the Democratic state lawmakers of politicizing the matter.

"It is disappointing that our state elected representatives are creating unnecessary division and dissent," DelBuono said in a written statement. "Conflating a proposal to reduce polling locations in Newington with suppression of voting rights is irresponsible and disrespectful to local elected leaders and our resi-

The plan must be approved by

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Lawsuit targets Collins Aerospace

Second Raytheon segment to face claims it restricted hiring

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

A legal challenge against Connecticut's aerospace industry has broadened to include Collins Aerospace, a Raytheon Technologies Corp. subsidiary accused in a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday of participating in a no-hire agreement that allegedly crippled career and pay opportunities for

A similar lawsuit in U.S. District Court in December named jet engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney, another business unit of Waltham, Mass.based Raytheon, and engineering firms, of taking part in a so-called no-poach arrangement.

The U.S. Department of Justice last month indicted six aerospace industry executives on accusations they agreed to a no-poach agreement. The indictments did not identify the companies for whom the defendants worked.

But in a separate civil lawsuit, a former project worker at an East Hartford engineering company accused Pratt & Whitney and other aerospace businesses of enforcing an agreement not to hire workers in the industry to keep down wages. In addition, a former Pratt & Whitney employee was charged by federal authorities of conspiring with suppliers to restrict the hiring and recruiting of engineers and other skilled workers.

Keller Lenkner, the Washington, D.C. law firm that filed the most recent lawsuit, said its filing is an "expansion of the original complaint against Pratt & Whitney and the suppliers" after its investigation found information to support allegations that Collins Aerospace also was involved in the practices.

A spokesman at Raytheon declined to comment.

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New Wesleyan policy bans smoking, vaping on campus

Rule applies to indoor and outdoor settings

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

Wesleyan University leaders have declared the Middletown campus tobacco- and vape-free, but enforcement will be limited to warnings and encouragements to quit.

The policy, which went into effect Jan. 1, covers the entire campus, indoors and out, and applies to students, staff and visi-

"This policy," according to an FAQ on the university website, "is intended to provide a healthy living, learning and working community. The policy will help to reduce health risks and reduce campus litter associated with tobacco use. This policy also helps to prepare individuals for careers,



Wesleyan University's new logo for the campuswide policy.

etc. in increasingly tobacco-free work environments."

Chewing tobacco and snuff are prohibited along with smoking, but the policy does not include nicotine replacement products designed to help people quit smoking. Federal law already prohibits marijuana and THC use

No fines or other punishments

are included in the new policy.

"All members of the Wesleyan community share the responsibility to respect this policy," a statement on the university website says. "The goal of this initiative is to be educational, supportive and engaging to encourage individuals who use tobacco and vape

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Plan to restrict public speech at school board meetings gets dropped

Windsor Locks scraps proposal aimed at reducing criticism

By Don Stacom Hartford Courant

After the teachers union balked at what it called potentially illegal censorship, the Windsor Locks school board apparently has dropped plans to tighten the rules on what the public is allowed to say at board meetings.

The board proposed banning parents and other residents from criticizing school staff, a move the union called an attempt to muzzle parents, other residents

and school employees. "This is an egregious attempt

to shut down criticism and censor our teachers," Brian Deming, pres-

ident of the Windsor Locks Teach-

ers Association, said last week. Deming said the proposal was

nearly identical to one that Windsor Locks' school board made 22 years ago — and had to hastily repeal after residents threatened

This time, the board apparently came up with the idea after its Nov. 19 meeting, where Deming publicly complained of Superintendent Shawn Parkhurst's actions at a recent professional development session.

During the public participation section of the board's meeting, Deming said Parkhurst had humiliated and wrongfully disciplined a high school teacher. Deming said Parkhurst aggressively touched the teacher, and he

called for an investigation. Two weeks later, the board

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Police: Manchester town hall vandal returns

Man allegedly smashed items with bat, five years after last incident

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

A man who busted up artwork and display cases in Manchester's town hall lobby five years ago, cryptically explaining that he thought his life was being televised, returned late last week and again allegedly vandalized the lobby, police say.

The man was arrested Thursday on charges that included first-degree criminal mischief, second-degree reckless endangerment and carrying a dangerous weapon. He was being held Monday in lieu of \$50,000 for a court appearance on Feb. 16.

Police were alerted at 4:13 p.m. that a man with a baseball bat was smashing items in the lobby of town hall. The building was placed in lockdown and multiple officers rushed to the scene.

A witness said the man calmly grabbed paintings off the wall and threw them on the floor. Employees and customers had scattered into offices and the vault in the tax collection and assessment office before police arrived. All this time the building's fire alarm was

sounding, police said.

Officers had their stun guns at the ready, but the man greeted them with his hands in the air and was taken into custody without incident, according to a police report. Police found the bat nearby. He offered no reason for his actions, and abruptly ended an interview at the station, police said.

On Jan. 17, 2017, the man walked into town hall at about 3 p.m. and smashed glass cases containing artwork and other exhibits on the first and second floors, police said. Workers locked themselves in their offices and no one was hurt. The cost of damages was estimated

at \$2,500 to \$3,000.

The man, who was later found guilty and received probation, would not give his name or submit to being fingerprinted, police said. Identified by an officer who recognized him as a former Manchester High School student, he had been living in town with a friend of his family, a woman he called his godmother, police said.

The woman told officers that the man had been acting strangely recently, a police report said. She said the man believes "he is in a movie," and his delusions come from "The Truman Show," a 1998 film in which the main character discovers that his entire life is being televised. The woman told police, he "believes that the only way he can get off the show is by going to court or jail," the report said.

Police at the time said they had dealt with the man before, when he was found in a filthy bedroom, lying on a bed with a machete and a sword, the report said. At that time, he also said that he was tired of being on a TV show, police said. An officer persuaded him to check into a hospital to be evaluated, the report said.

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announced it had reviewed Parkhurst's action and found no wrongdoing.

But its policy committee proposed revising rules for what people may say at board meetings—changes that would have barred Deming's remarks.

The board shouldn't allow in public meetings "any expression of personal complaint about school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system, including students, whether specifically identified by

name or not," reads the proposal.

"Persons with personal complaints regarding personnel should speak with the Superintendent of Schools as a means of bringing concerns for consideration and disposition," it continues. "Speakers will not be permitted to participate in gossip, make defamatory comments, or use abusive or vulgar language."

The teachers union immediately balked.

"The board of education is moving swiftly to rewrite board policy in a way that muzzles teachers and community members' ability to speak out at public board meetings, undermining the public trust," it said in a statement.

"Instead of having our complaint investigated, we were rebuked for raising concerns," Deming said at the time. "Attempting to revise board policies to disallow public criticism and then denying public access to the conversation shows a lack of transparency and a lack of regard for the public's opinion about public schools."

Early last week, the board was on track to take up the change at its Jan. 13 meeting.

Chairman Dennis Gragnolati told the Journal Inquirer that it wasn't a matter of censorship, saying "If someone makes negative comments about an administrator or teacher, they can't defend themselves. Our policy is that the board carries on the business of the school district but does not see the merit in negative comments."

But on Jan. 12, the board abruptly dropped the topic from its agenda — and canceled its Jan. 13 meeting.

"We are not making any changes at this time as the additions were not needed, they only repeated what had been stated previously," Gragnolati said in an email. The union said the situation was similar to 1998, when Windsor Locks' school board tried to pass a similar rule. Several residents hired an attorney to block it; the board ultimately dropped the matter, and a judge ordered it to pay \$3,500 in plaintiffs' legal fees.

Attorney Christine L. Chini of Simsbury, who is not connected to the Windsor Locks case, has previously advised school boards to ensure that any speech restrictions fall within bounds of the Constitution.

She cited the 2016 U.S. District Court ruling in Barrett vs. Walker County School District, which prohibited a Georgia school system from enforcing a policy banning criticism of employees during the public comment part of its meetings.

"Singling out speech about certain topics for different treatment than others, no matter how narrowly defined that speech is, will nearly always constitute a violation of the First Amendment," wrote in a 2016 analysis of that decision. "The Supreme Court has made clear again and again that content-based restrictions on speech, even in a limited public forum, violate the First Amendment."

Police: Woman injured during purse-snatching near Southington store

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A woman was injured when she was pushed to the ground during a weekend purse-snatching outside a Southington store, police said.

The woman's leg, buttocks and back were injured during the theft, which happened about 2 p.m. Sunday outside Bed, Bath & Beyond, 835 Queen St. Police said they later found the crashed getaway car — which had been stolen — in Waterbury, but its masked occupants had run away.

There were several males wearing ski masks in the BMW SUV when it pulled up to the store, police said. One got out and approached the woman, who was walking near the sidewalk, and snatched the purse off her shoulder.

The woman was knocked to the ground as she tried, unsuccessfully, to hold on to her purse, and

the robber got back into the SUV, which took off, police said.

Officers found the fleeing vehicle speeding and weaving in and out of traffic on I-84 West, headed toward Waterbury, police said. They asked state troopers and Waterbury police for help.

Waterbury police for help.
The SUV had only two people in it when it later crashed, and they fled.

Police said they learned the black, 2008 BMW X5 had been stolen from its owner in Torrington the day before, after which it was used in a Waterbury robbery.

Anyone with any information about the vehicle or the people who may have been in it is asked to contact Officer LoCastro at 860-378-1600, ext. 2451, or the Southington Auto Theft Task Force at 860-378-1600, ext. 1619, or autotheft@southingtonpolice.org.

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products to quit. Through continued peer support and voluntary compliance, the goal remains to foster behavior and culture change over time."

Compliance will be supported, Johnson said, in part through free nicotine gum, patches and lozenges and "quit kits" that include flavored toothpicks, fidget toys and informational pamphlets. The handouts are funded through a \$7,500 state grant, she said.

"We want this policy to be supportive in nature," Johnson said. "We don't want to ad any stress to the quitting process."

September Johnson, Wesleyan's alcohol and other drugs specialist, said the policy had been under discussion for a while, but concerns increased with the onset of the coronavirus pandemic as research emerged on the exacerbating effects of smoking and vaping.

Tobacco- and vape-free campuses are a growing trend

throughout the nation, according to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation. Of 2,560 100% smoke-free campus sites, 2,122 are 100% tobacco-free, 2,194 prohibit e-cigarette use, 1,201 prohibit hookah use, 554 prohibit smoking/vaping marijuana, and 619 explicitly include personal vehicles on campus in the policy protections, according to the foundation.

The foundation's list of campuses that prohibit tobacco use and vaping includes several Connecticut colleges, including Southern Connecticut State University and Quinnipiac University.

The latest statistics show about 14% of Americans smoke. Cigarette smoking remains the leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death in the U.S., accounting for more than 480,000 deaths every year, according to the federal government. In Connecticut, the latest figures show about 12% of the population smokes.

Cigarette smoking was highest among people aged 25-44 and

45-64, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Smoking was lowest among people aged 18-24.

While smoking has decreased across the country, there are concerns that vaping has increased, and Johnson noted that research has shown people who vape are more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.

In 2018, 14.9% of adults had used an e-cigarette and 3.2% were current users, the CDC reported. The prevalence of adults who had ever used an e-cigarette and were current users was highest among men, non-Hispanic white adults, and those aged 18-24.

The CDC says e-cigarettes are unsafe. Most contain nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development into the early to mid-20s. Also, e-cigarettes can contain other harmful substances, according to the agency.

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Collins

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Collins Aerospace, a manufacturer of airline components and cockpit and cabin systems, is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. It employs 68,000 workers and operates in Connecticut, including at the former Hamilton Sundstrand site in Windsor Locks.

The no-poach agreement allegedly was made and enforced privately among top aerospace executives, lawyers claim.

"The defendants entered into this ... with complete disregard for the impact it would have on their employees, their careers, and their livelihoods," said attorney Jason Zweig at Keller Lenkner.. "The only concern was for their bottom line and avoiding disruption to

their workforce."

The lawsuit challenges what

lawyers claim was an illegal agreement among Pratt & Whitney and Collins and several outsource engineering suppliers to restrict the hiring and recruiting of engineers and other skilled laborers working on aerospace projects.

The no-poach agreement dates to 2011 and continued until at least 2019, according to the lawsuit.

"The scope of the no-poach agreement was broad, covering at least all engineers employed by (or working as an independent contractor for) defendants to work on Pratt & Whitney Collins projects and statements of work in the United States and its territories," the lawsuit says.

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all reduction of 76 since Friday.

Hospital officials say some of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 were admitted for reasons other than the virus before testing positive upon arrival, but emphasize that a majority have significant COVID-19 symptoms.

According to the state, 67.8% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are not fully vaccinated. Hospital officials say the rate is significantly higher when considering only patients with severe symptoms.

Vaccinations

As of Tuesday, 90.9% of all

Connecticut residents and 95% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 75.7% of all residents and 84.3% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, about 47.9% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses, likely inflating the reported number of first-dose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

Deaths

Connecticut reports COVID-19 deaths on Thursdays. Last week,

the state reported 161 deaths in the week leading to Thursday, bringing its total during the pandemic to 9,442.

As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have surged in Connecticut over recent weeks, deaths have risen but still remain far below the levels recorded last winter. Unvaccinated people in Connecticut have been about 19 times as likely to die from COVID-19 in recent weeks as those who are vaccinated, according to state numbers.

The United States has now recorded 851,949 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

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the town council. At a meeting last week, Democratic registrar Marie M. Fox said the intent was not to infringe on people's access to the

"We are not trying to suppress voters," Fox said. "We don't think it's a hardship."

Fox noted that both major parties usually offer rides to the polls to those who cannot make it there on their own.

The registrars said they proposed the reduction to streamline the elections process and make it more efficient.

Changing polling places can create upheaval for voters. West Hartford, with a population of about 65,000, learned that when the town cut the number of polling places from 20 to nine in 2012. Voters experienced traffic jams,

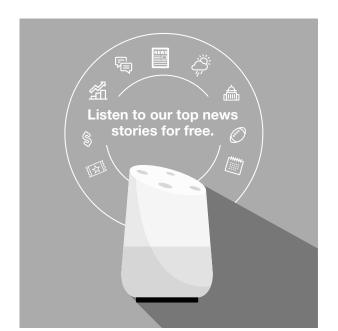
parking shortages, and long, cold lines outside the polls followed by confusion inside.

Newington has about 30,000 people — and roughly 21,000 registered voters.

Republicans hold a 6-3 majority on the council and several members spoke in favor of the plan. The three Democratic council members are opposed. "It's foolish we're even having this conversation," Minority Leader Mitch Page said during last week's council meeting.

The council is expected to discuss the matter at its next meeting on Jan. 25.

"We will review numbers of voters projected at each location and compare that to current numbers," DelBuono said. "We will assess staffing needs at each polling location as well as parking at each site. We won't let national politics and rhetoric into our local decisions."



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Scanlon to explore run for state comptroller

Becomes first Democrat to take that step since Lembo left post

By Mark Pazniokas CT Mirror

Rep. Sean Scanlon, D-Guilford, is creating an exploratory campaign for statewide office Tuesday, becoming the first Democrat to put down a marker on the office of comptroller since an ailing Kevin P. Lembo quit the post

Comptroller is one of Connecticut's six statewide constitutional offices, responsible for the often-prosaic tasks of keeping the state's books and overseeing the administration of state employee payroll and benefits.

But it has evolved in recent decades, first under William E. Curry Jr. in the early 1990s and more recently under Lembo, as a platform with a potential for shaping public policy on health care and retirement.

"I think the Office of State Comptroller, which is the focus of my exploratory committee, is a job that is really relevant in this moment where health care affordability is an issue, where the budget is something that needs to be really watched like a hawk," Scanlon said.

Comptroller and secretary of the state are expected to provide the only two open races in 2022 for statewide or congressional offices in Connecticut. Topping the Democratic ticket this fall will be Gov. Ned Lamont and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

Secretary of the State Denise Merrill announced in June she would not seek a fourth term, drawing a field of nine politicians who have declared candidacies or are testing the waters with exploratory committees, with a tenth expected to join them shortly.

The field for comptroller has been slow to develop

Lembo, also in his third term, announced on Dec. 3 he would resign on Dec. 31 due to a serious heart condition. Natalie Braswell, who was appointed by the governor to complete Lembo's term, is not a candidate.

Mary Fay, a Republican member of the West Hartford town council who ran for Congress in 2020, is the only declared candidate for comptroller from either party. Without fanfare, she filed papers creating a candidate committee on Jan. 4.

Scanlon was elected to the 98th House District in 2014 as an ambitious 27-year-old aide to U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy. He was reelected without opposition in 2016, 2018 and 2020 and

has risen quickly in the House. He was one of two lawmakers named as committee co-chairs in their second terms by then-House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz in January 2017: Scanlon on Insurance and Real Estate; Caroline Simmons, who was elected mayor of Stamford last year, on Commerce.

The first act of House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, as Aresimowicz's designated successor after the 2020 election was to name Scanlon as co-chair of the legislature's Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Scanlon is now 35, married, the father of a 2-year-old and facing a career crossroads. He is known at the Capitol as ambitious vet cautious. He declined entreaties to run for an open state Senate seat in 2018, while making statewide connections working on behalf of House candidates.

He left Murphy's staff in 2019 to become the executive director of Tweed New Haven Airport, a city-owned facility with limited commercial services and ambitions of becoming a regional airport. On his watch, the discount airline Avelo designated Tweed as its east coast hub and announced plans for a new terminal.

With mixed results, the office of comptroller has become a springboard for the politically ambitious, albeit one whose powers are largely unknown to the voting public. After a single term as comptroller, Curry

won the 1994 and 2002 nominations for

governor, losing both times to Republican John G. Rowland. Curry's successor, Nancy Wyman, was elected lieutenant governor in 2010. Lembo explored a run for governor

Connecticut is one of just 19 states with a comptroller or controller, whose duties overlap with treasurers' in other states. It is an elected position in only nine states.

"Somebody may not know what the comptroller does by name, but the things that the comptroller does are relevant to a lot of people in this state," Scanlon said. "And one of the things that I want to explore and hear about from people is can that office be more relevant in the day-to-day lives of Connecticut people. And I think the answer

The office oversees health care coverage for 300,000 people in Connecticut, about 50,000 state employees and 250,000 dependents and retirees. The state has opened its health plans to municipalities, covering another 50,000 people or so, with relatively low administrative costs.

"This is pretty wonky stuff. But when you look at what works in one sample and you extrapolate that, you can figure out whether it can work in a larger sample," Scanlon said.

With Lembo's support, the General Assembly also authorized in 2016 a quasi-public retirement security authority to develop a voluntary savings mechanism for employees of companies with no retirement benefits. It has been slow to launch. By law, the comptroller is chair of the authority.

The comptroller's office also is meant to act as a fiscal watchdog, an awkward role at times when the comptroller and governor are of the same party.

"So I think why that office is relevant today in this moment is because he or she is the chief budget watchdog, he or she is the chief health care officer of the state, he or she is the chief retirement officer for the state," Scanlon said. "And all of those things are things that rank and file voters in Connecticut are worried about."

The early months of a campaign or

exploratory campaign for nominations on the under-ticket revolve around demonstrating credibility by fund raising and getting commitments from potential delegates to the state nominating convention. The fourth-quarter 2021 campaign finance reports filed last week showed no one escaping the pack in the contest for secretary of

The only declared candidates for the fundraising period reported raising similar

■ Rep. Stephanie Thomas, D-Norwalk, raised \$31,336.

■ Republicans Dominic Rapini and Brock Webber raised, respectively, \$26,273 and

In their second quarter as candidates, Rapini now has raised \$47,311; Webber,

A half dozen Democrats interested in the nomination raised varying amounts in

exploratory campaigns. Rob Simmelkjaer of Westport, the chair of the CT Lottery board of directors, raised

■ Darryl Brackeen Jr., a New Haven alder, raised \$4,310 in the quarter, bringing his total

to \$15,021. ■ Maritza Bond, a top public health official in New Haven, raised \$30,180 in the quarter, bringing her total to \$36,100.

■ Sen. Matt Lesser of Middletown raised \$14,976 in the quarter, bringing his total to

■ Rep. Josh Elliott of Hamden raised \$18,930 in the quarter, bringing his total to

■ Rep. Hilda Santiago of Meriden raised \$18,105 in her final quarter as an exploratory candidate, bringing her total to \$26,840. Santiago reported raising another \$9,669 since converting her exploratory effort to a candidate committee.

Sources say Rep. Terrie Wood, R-Darien, is expected to file papers this week creating either a candidate committee or exploratory committee with an eye towards running for secretary of the state. She could not be reached for comment Monday.

More snow possible this week

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

After icy roads prompted delayed openings at some Connecticut schools Tuesday morning, more winter weather — snow may arrive later in the week.

Standing water and slush froze overnight Tuesday as the temperature in the Hartford area dropped into the 20s. More than a halfdozen schools districts delayed classes.

Despite strong overnight winds, there were few outages, according to the state's two biggest power companies, Eversource and United Illuminating. Eversource reported fewer than 100 outages at 7:30 a.m., and UI only had four customers without power.

Wednesday will be much warmer, with a high in the low-to-mid-40s, although winds will gust as strongly as 37 mph.

There's a slight chance of rain overnight Wednesday into Thursday, and it may snow Thursday, the meteorologists said. Less than an inch is expected.

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from blaze

day morning, a fire official said.

A sanitation worker pulled a woman from

He and a coworker were working on Oak

"One of the employees went to the rear of the house and actually pulled the woman from the rear of the house," Asklar said.

The woman was near a back door at the

There were no other people in the house

One of the sanitation workers called 911

He said it took about 20 minutes to get the fire under control so it wouldn't spread. Fire-

The local fire marshal is working with the state police Fire and Explosion Investiga-

fighters were able to douse the flames from

about 7:30 a.m., Asklar said. Smoke was

coming out of the eaves of the house when

time, he said. He didn't have information about her injuries; she was taken to Hart-

Drive early Tuesday when they noticed

smoke rising from a raised ranch, Fire Chief

her burning house in Marlborough on Tues-

By Christine Dempsey

Hartford Courant

Kevin Asklar said.

"Quite heroic."

ford Hospital.

at the time, he said.

the chief arrived.

inside the house.

Two teens were arrested after they stole booze from a liquor store and fled in a stolen car, crashing into a Southington home, police say. COURTESY

Police: Teens boost booze, crash at cdempsey@courant.com. stolen car into Southington home Garbage man **By Christine Dempsey** Road, police said. saves woman

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Two Waterbury teens were arrested Monday after they crashed a stolen car into a Southington mobile home after shoplifting liquor, police said. No one was injured.

The pair of 16-year-olds are suspected of using the luxury car as a getaway vehicle after stealing what police said were several bottles of alcohol from Queen Street Liquors, 1079 Queen St. They headed down Aircraft Road, where the car struck two parked vehicles in a driveway, and then crashed into the front steps of 21 Hemlock

The teens bailed out of the crashed car and ran toward BJ's Wholesale Club, 75 Spring St., but officers from the patrol division and Southington's Auto Theft Task Force surrounded the area and arrested them.

"We got 'em," Lt. Keith Egan said Tuesday morning.

Police learned the luxury 2009 Audi A4, had been stolen from its owner in Torrington.

The driver was charged with second-degree larceny; conspiracy to commit sixth-degree larceny and interfering with an officer, police said. He also was issued

a misdemeanor summons for reckless driving; failure to drive in proper lane; operating without a license and evading responsibility.

The other teen was charged with second-degree larceny; third-degree larceny; conspiracy to commit sixth-degree larceny and interfering with an officer, police said. Both juveniles were turned over to their parents.

There was no structural damage to the home, police said.

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tion Unit to determine the cause of the fire, Asklar said. Christine Dempsey can be reached

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BID #2021-031 PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SIGN MATERIALS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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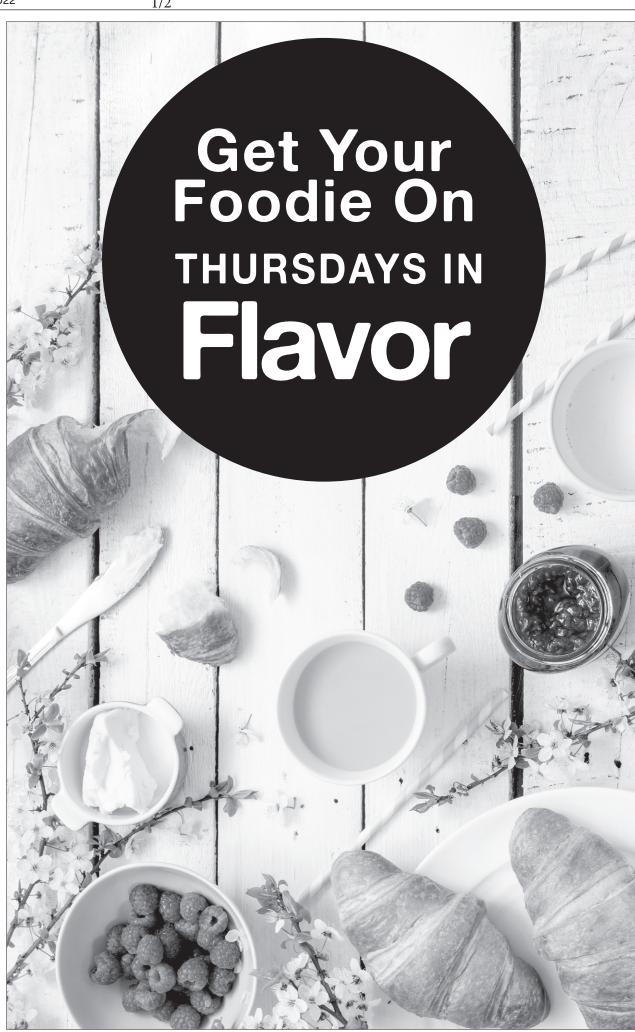
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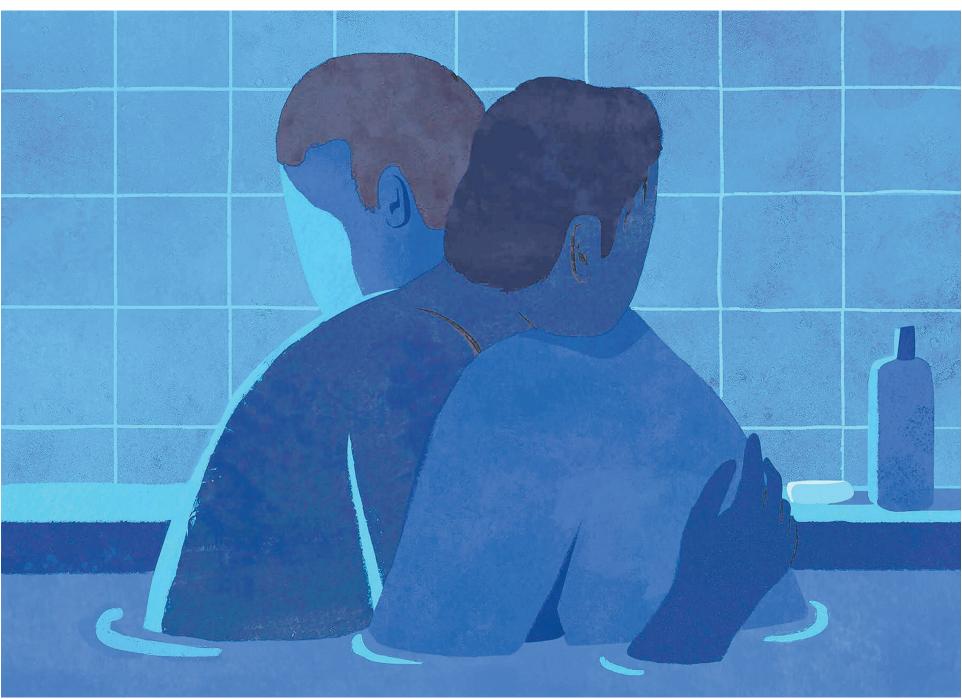
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We don't marry one person as much as we marry one version of a person — but accepting the person through the relationship can be more challenging. HOLLY STAPLETON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

PEOPLE CHANGE, SO DO RELATIONSHIPS

By Allison Hope The New York Times

he partygoing partner now prefers chamomile tea on the couch. The lover of wanderlust has started to cling to routine. The big spender has become a frugal budgeter. Blond turns brown, turns gray, turns bald. Waistlines expand and contract. So do sex drives.

We don't marry one person as much as we marry one version of a person, a snapshot of who we (and our partner) are individually and to each other at the moment when we say, "I do." Who we are five, 10 or 40 years later is anybody's guess.

People change. As a result, relationships change, too.

"Not only do relationships change with time, but people change, which can affect the relationship dynamics as well," said Michelle Chalfant, a therapist in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Personalities are more malleable than we may think. Most of us change, though often gradually, according to a study published in 2018 by the University of Houston, University of Tübingen and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which assessed the personality traits of 1,795 people in the

Throughout life, we go through different versions of ourselves

U.S. in adolescence and then 50 years later. Many participants, the study showed, tended to become more emotionally stable, conscientious and agree-

able over time. But the pandemic and the disruption it brought have resulted in a period of far more rapid, intense and often negative change for many people the world

"The pandemic has turned the world upside down," said Jeff Gardere, a psychologist in the New York City borough of Manhattan and an adviser for Ro Mind, a digital health service addressing anxiety and depression. "We are still traumatized and many of us are dealing with a subsequent mental health challenge because

Gardere said that, nationwide, about 4 in 10 adults reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder since the start of the pandemic.

"It stands to reason that the anxieties and the difficulties we had as individuals and in our marriages have been exacerbated by the incredible and enormous stress of the pandemic," he said. "Communication has and will always be the key to mitigate negative feelings around change in

your relationship. Talk about the change you experience, perceive and are impacted by. These continuous conversations should always be framed in the mindset of learning, compromise and conflict resolution."

The changes that the pandemic brought Treva Scharf, 58, an independent life and dating coach, and her husband of seven years, Robby Scharf, 64, an entertainment executive in Los Angeles, couldn't have been more abrupt or sweeping. In the past two years, the couple, who live in Beverly Hills, California, lost three of their four parents, while Treva Scharf has simultaneously struggled through menopause.

As a result, Scharf said she became "so fragile and needy." She added, "I feared I was being a burden on Robby" to the point that she "worried his compassion tank would run out, or he'd lose patience with me

and want to leave." Scharf said "facing our difficulties head-on" with the help of therapy and leaning on friends to offset some of the support she sought from her husband, has been integral to her and his ability to accept the internal and external changes in their life. Doing so, she added, "not only gave me new respect for

him, it showed me what I

was made of, too.' The Scharfs are far from the only couple for whom recent years have been a crucible.

Jenna Hewson, 34, a marketing and communications specialist for a law firm, and her husband, Christopher Hewson, 34, an engineer for a company that specializes in hydraulic fracturing and reservoir simulation, had been married for five years when the pandemic hit.

The couple, who live in Calgary, Alberta, went from enjoying separate work lives outside the home and expecting a second child to working from home together while parenting their 3-year-old. Then came the loss of their baby, who was stillborn.

The ensuing grief, Jenna Hewson said, left her and her husband "both so broken and hurt."

"We had nothing to give," she said. "There have been times following our loss where separating seemed

like the easier route." The Hewsons learned how to be more patient with each other with the help of a therapist that they saw together and then separately, as well as nightly check-ins after their son went to sleep, which helped them remember that they are on the same

team, not opposing ones. "Understanding and appreciating how your partner manages upheaval is half the battle," Jenna Hewson said. "Knowing what to expect from your partner can alleviate a lot of confusion, disappointment and

Loren Raye, 35, and her husband of four years, Matt Bosso, 40, who live in Bridgewater, New Jersey, with their 3-year-old daughter, experienced a different kind of loss in the pandemic that put a strain on their relationship.

resentment."

Raye, who was a radio host for "The TJ Show" on 103.3 AMP Radio in Boston, was let go from her job and could no longer be the family's breadwinner. (At the time, her husband, who worked as a music director for Entercom, earned less than she made.)

"I resented suddenly being forced to be a stay-athome mom and I got very depressed," Raye said. "The last almost two years have been emotionally challenging for our family as I have been struggling to accept, find, understand what my next step is."

Accepting these changes and the person Raye became as a result has involved therapy as well as the couple learning to communicate better, she

Pandemic or not, "All relationships go through distinct phases over time," said Terri Cole, a psychotherapist in Manhattan. The first, she said, is the "hormone-driven honeymoon phase," where everything is euphoric. Then, in the second phase, reality settles in and you start noticing things that bother you about the other person.

The third phase is the "make-it-or-break-it" phase, where partners begin to understand that a good relationship requires work and a willingness to grow in the same direction."

To those who wonder if there is any change that could be too drastic to accept, Chalfant recommends asking: "What am I OK with?"

"If it feels too much or is overwhelming, have a conversation with someone you trust about it," she said. "You should never go against what you deeply feel and believe."

"But," she said, "if there is abuse of any kind, it's time to leave. There is zero tolerance for abuse."

Accepting changes that you can live with, Chalfant said, "not only leads to more self-fulfillment but can also lead to a stronger relationship.

She added: "Change brings back some of that 'newness' and can add new passion and interest to the relationship."

EX-ETIQUETTE

Learning to lay the groundwork for successful co-parenting

By Jann Blackstone Tribune News Service

Q. My daughter is 13. Her father has remarried a woman who has two boys, ages 14 and 16. Both adults work and once the kids get off school, all three are left alone in the home until the adults return. I do not believe teens of the opposite sex should be left alone unsupervised. I'm concerned

about this, and I think my daughter is also, mainly because she knows how strongly I feel about it. I've tried to discuss this with my ex, but he dismisses me, saying I have no business questioning his parenting or getting involved with his family. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. There are quite a few red flags here ... and the exact reason it is so

important to have an open co-parenting relationship with your child's other parent. Difficult situations are bound to come up, and cultivating an environment where you feel comfortable discussing such things is imperative if you want to keep the kids out of the middle.

The co-parenting paradox is trying to figure out when you should be autonomous and when

you should reach out to the other parent. The answer is, whenever you are concerned about your child, that's grounds for a discussion. However, you must lay the groundwork first so you can easily have those discussions.

Parents may not realize the situation they put their kids in when combining a family with teenagers. House rules must be very specific. Conversations

about what is expected cannot be ignored or swept under the rug. And, most of all, parents must be available to listen if a child is

uncomfortable. I believe you and dad need some co-parenting counseling to help you set the stage for problem-solving. A counselor will help you lay the groundwork for a better relationship so you will see each other as allies - for your child's sake.



A co-parenting counselor will help you lay the groundwork for a better relationship so you will see each other as allies, not enemies. **DREAMSTIME**



Regina King, center, in "The Harder They Fall," which is up for 12 NAACP Image Awards. NETFLIX

Netflix nabs 52 NAACP awards noms

From news services

Netflix could be a dominant force at next month's NAACP Image Awards.

The streaming giant on Tuesday emerged with a leading 52 nominations, including for the film "The Harder They Fall." The movie - featuring a large starry cast that includes Regina King, Jonathan Majors, Idris Elba and LaKeith Stanfield - pulled in 12 nominations, including for best picture. Netflix landed 23 nominations in the television/streaming categories.

Issa Rae's "Insecure" earned 13 nominations, including best comedy television series. "Harlem," "black-ish,"
"Run the World" and "The Upshaws" are also competing for best comedy series. "The Upshaws and "Colin in Black & White" are among the Netflix series recognized by the Image

H.E.R. received the most nominations in the music recording categories with six, including best female artist and album for "Back of My Mind." She will compete in the outstanding album category against Silk Sonic's "An Evening with Silk Sonic," Drake's "Certified Lover Boy." Jazmine Sullivan's "Heaux

Tales" and "When It's All Said and Done ... Take Time" by Giveon.

Regina King will compete for entertainer of the year against Lil Nas X, Megan Thee Stallion, Jennifer Hudson and Tiffany Haddish.

The nominees were announced by actor Marcus Scribner, singer Tinashe and actor Kyla

In addition to "The Harder They Fall," the nominees for best picture are "King Richard," "Respect," "The United States vs. Billie Holiday" and "Judas and the Black Messiah." The nominees for best actor in a film are Stanfield, Majors, Denzel Washington, Mahershala Ali and Will Smith. The nominees for best actress in a film are Andra Day, Halle Berry, Jennifer Hudson, Tessa Thompson and Zendava.

The awards show will air Feb. 26 on BET.

Dion cancels more shows: An ongoing health issue caused pop superstar Celine Dion to cancel another string of concerts from March 9 to April 22 as she focuses on her recovery. Dion won't return for the remaining North American shows on her "Courage" tour following

treatment for "severe and persistent muscle spasms," concert organizers said in a recent announcement.

In October, Dion postponed her latest Las Vegas residency, which had been scheduled to begin in November, due to recurring muscle spasms.

Clooney, Roberts film halts production: Universal's romantic comedy "Ticket to Paradise" has halted filming in Australia due to a serious COVID-19 outbreak in Queensland state. Because of the pause, stars George Clooney and Julia Roberts have reportedly flown back to the U.S.

The movie began production last year in Queensland and had been only two weeks from completion. Reports say the film will be shut down for three months, but it's not clear exactly when production will resume.

Jan. 19 birthdays: Actor Tippi Hedren is 92. Journalist Robert MacNeil is 91. Singer Michael Crawford is 80. Singer Dolly Parton is 76. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 69. Actor Katey Sagal is 68. Actor Shawn Wayans is 51. Actor Drea de Matteo is 50. Comedian Frank Caliendo is 48. Actor Jodie Sweetin is 40. Actor Shaunette Renee Wilson is 32.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Rainbow bridge may comfort grieving owner

Dear Amy: I'm devastated with grief from losing my beloved dog to cancer five weeks ago. He was only five. I have good counselors, supportive friends and family, and a loving husband, but I'm struggling a lot with depression and grief.

I'm almost 40, but have never lost anyone close to me before, and this was my first pet.

I loved that dog wholeheartedly and can't seem to come to terms with how that sweet, innocent dog had to suffer, and how much emptier our life and home feel without him.

I know we gave our dog a wonderful life and did everything we could for him, and I know so many other people have also experienced this loss, but I'm still swimming in grief and in so much pain that I haven't given much attention to my relationship with my husband or nurtured him.

My husband is often in the role of consoling me.

One of his wonderful qualities is that he is patient; at the same time, he is feeling insecure about our relationship because I'm not fully there.

I can't seem to get outside of my grief.

Do I just give myself time for this grief to run its course, or is there a way I can course correct and not make my husband feel ignored during this time? Sad Pet Mom

Dear Sad: Losing a pet is a loss like no other, because we love and care for our animal companions differently than we do the humans in our lives.

Caring for an animal, especially through a long illness, is truly the essence of tender loving care.

Now is the time to apply some of that tenderness toward yourself and your husband.

Researching your question, I came upon a number of Facebook groups devoted to the loss of a pet. (Do an internet search on "pet loss bereavement.") Once you join a group. you will be able to post a photo of your beloved dog and write about your experience. The humans participating in these online groups tend to be extremely kind and supportive. And scrolling through the many postings, you will know that you are not alone.

While I have never necessarily subscribed to the comforts offered by the "rainbow bridge" concept, on one of these Facebook pages I saw a collage of photos of the late, great animal lover Betty White, posing with her many dog companions over the years.

Knowing that in her life she had experienced this tender love and loss over and over again was truly inspiring, and I found myself hoping that her dozens of animal companions were waiting for her at the other side of that mythical rainbow bridge.

I hope you will find similar comforts as you process your own grief.

Dear Amy: I have an in-law relative who has been deaf since childhood. A few years ago, I learned that this person reads lips.

My problem is that they eavesdrop on private conversations by reading your lips. The masks many of us wear have helped to curb this, but with things

(hopefully) going back to normal, I will once again have to cover my mouth when we are with this in-law.

It feels a bit rude to do this, but if I have something I want to share with my husband, there's really nothing else to do.

Do you have a better solution?

- Unmasking

Dear Unmasking: I do have a solution for you!

My solution is fairly simple: Don't attempt to have a personal, private and exclusive conversation with your husband in front of other people. Ever. That's just rude!

Save your private thoughts for when you have privacy. When your in-law is with you, you should include this person in your conversation.

Dear Amy: Thank you for discouraging a recent "Proud Papa" from commenting on his daughter's body.

When I was a teenage girl with a "sturdy" body type, my father (with no ill intention) often remarked that I was, "built for comfort, not for speed."

I am now 74, and that remark is still with me. To all dads of teenage

girls, please, be sparing with those "light teasing" remarks. — Trying to Grow

Dear Trying: Your anecdote illustrates the point perfectly. Thank you.

Gracefully

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Steve Harvey hears small claims cases in "Judge Steve Harvey." DANNY DELGADO/ABC

Steve Harvey issues verdicts as judge in prime-time show

By Rodney Ho Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Steve Harvey has never been to law school. He has no legal degree. But millions have

listened to the comic's advice on his multiple talk shows and purchased his many bestselling self-help books. So it only seems natural for the man to star in his own prime-time show on ABC dubbed "Judge Steve Harvey," which airs Tuesdays on ABC and is also available on Hulu.

And while the small claims cases are similar to those seen on the likes of "People's Court," the secret sauce is Harvey's knack for interacting with people and entertaining the audi-

The cases could be two neighbors squabbling over a damaged fence, a son who won't pay rent or a woman who used money her sister set aside for their brother's funeral for plastic

Myeshia Mizuno, one of the show's executive producers, said the basic concept came from the fertile mind of Harvey

himself.

"He has a wealth of knowledge," said Mizuno. "He has such a unique history himself. He went from rags to riches. He relates to people. He can sometimes be unpolished, and people appreciate

Mizuno said she just had to find entertaining people who could tell their stories succinctly.

Harvey, 64, during the first episode doesn't even pretend he is personifying an actual judge. When an evasive defendant who had just admitted using funeral money for liposuction utters, "I plead the fifth," Harvey cracks, You must think this is real court!" He then bangs his gavel several times while

laughing. "That's funny," he adds "It's too late to plead the

He then leaves the bench area and summarizes the situation while pacing in front of the plaintiff and defendant like an attorney.

Unlike a real courtroom, the audience is free to stand, cheer, whoop and boo. And Harvey even uses a catchphrase after he

makes his verdict: "That's the way I see it!" Indeed, his verdicts are from the gut, based on his own internal logic as opposed to particular case law.

And the always welldressed comic decided to ditch the traditional robe. Instead, he dons a custom-made black Dolce & Gabbana suit over a crisp black shirt.

The producers did opt for authenticity in one area: a genuine bailiff in 52-year-old Nancy Price, who works at the Douglas County sheriff's office in Georgia part-time.

Price said she was amazed how cogently Harvey could grasp a case's nuances, calling him a ʻquick study."

In fact, she thinks if Harvey had gone to law school, he would have made an excellent real judge.

"He's got common sense, and he cares about people," she said. "In real court, the judges don't care if the plaintiff and defendant were best friends or brother and sister. He makes this personal connection that's heart-

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19): Some peer pressure could be stressing you out! Although the group can ultimately work with you, you have to assert yourself. Frustrations you experience are stemming from people being too caught up

in their own stuff.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Keeping track of all of the big ideas swirling around in your head could be challenging. You need to minimize distractions. One way to thin the herd of your ideas might be implementing some of them in your home life. Any theories that don't work in practice

Gemini (May 21-June 20): The need to talk to someone about your beliefs may have been brewing for a while, and it might finally come out. Major differences in how you two see the world could really matter. You may want to look at the possibility that you'd find the ideological disagreement more bear-

are ones you can remove.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You have high hopes for combining finances or other resources in a significant relationship of yours. Bringing this collaboration from something in your head to something that exists in real life might shock. If anyone involved needs more personal freedom, make adjustments.

able if you had more space.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Socializing could feel a little exhausting if it seems like everyone wants something from you. When you are fully aware of your limits, you can relax a bit and stop waiting on the edge to see where someone will push you next. You may even find you begin to

enjoy having company!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sacrificing yourself for relationships might seem appealing, but you could end up feeling burned out. You may be concerned that people love you for what vou do rather than for who you are. You might want to take some space to rest and reflect by yourself in order to gain perspective.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may see yourself as a rock maintaining peace at home and at work. If a friend asks how you're really doing, you might start letting out everything you've been holding inside. If you enjoy your friends without feeling responsible for them, try carrying this attitude into your other relationships.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Deciding what to do with your life might seem like an overwhelming task. However, the things around you may give you some clues. Read your room like a detective encountering it for the first time. Your curious nature could help you rediscover a part of yourself!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Dreams about improv-

ing your home might at last be ready to move to real plans. Talking with others involved is definitely necessary. Try not to get frustrated. While your efforts to grasp the big picture are important, the details will ultimately fill in that picture.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Having confidence in yourself could help you find someone willing to invest in you. You may be considering the possibility that your prospective benefactors would be more sympathetic to you if you seemed less well-off, but just focus on portraying the truth, whatever that is.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An opportunity to focus on yourself might fall into your lap today. A powerful encounter with someone else could give you an idea. While you may be drawn to making clear statements about who you are, you might also need to remain aware that some experiences of yours don't fit into any labels or boxes.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Checking things off your to-do list could be good for you right now. No matter which specific tasks are on it, simply getting stuff done in general may help you shake off some potential distractions that have left you feeling scattered. Focus on making your personal space clean.

TODAY IN **HISTORY**

Associated Press

On Jan. 19, 1915, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I.

In 1953, CBS-TV aired the episode of "I Love Lucy" in which Lucy Ricardo,

played by Lucille Ball, gave birth. (By coincidence, Ball gave birth the same day to her son, Desi Arnaz Jr.)

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was chosen to be prime minister of India.

In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an accord paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

In 2005, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger.

In 2009, Russia and Ukraine signed a deal restoring natural gas shipments to Ukraine.

In 2021, the U.S. death toll from the coronavirus eclipsed 400,000.

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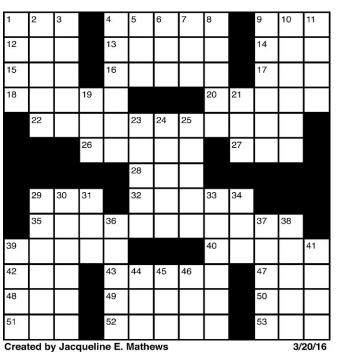
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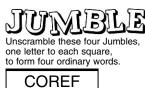
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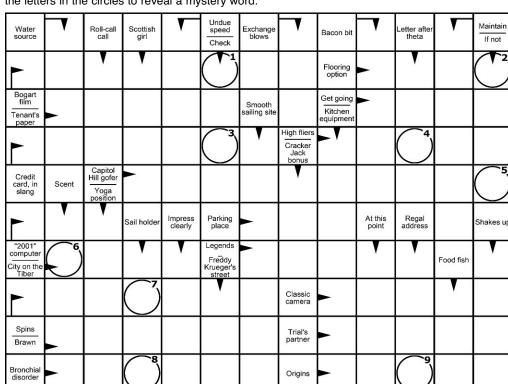
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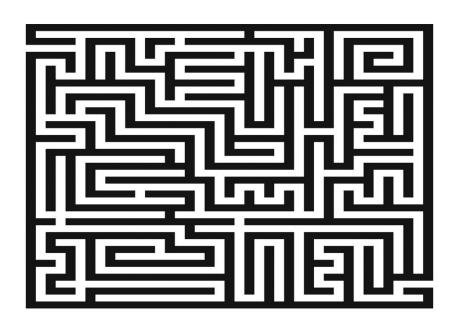


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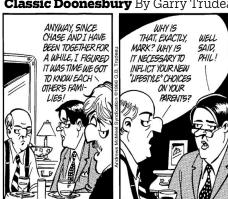








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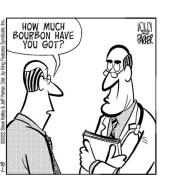




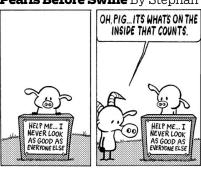
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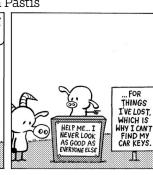






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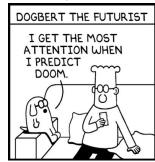
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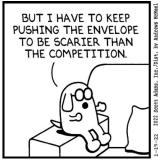






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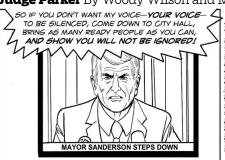


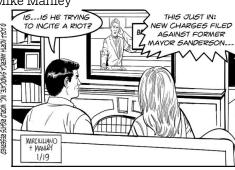




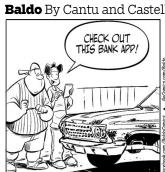


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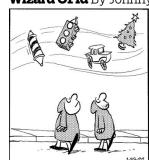


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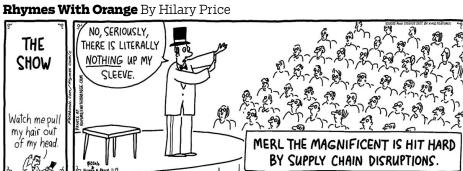


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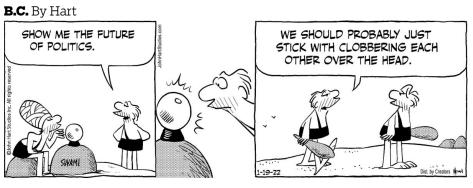
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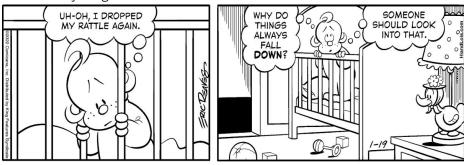




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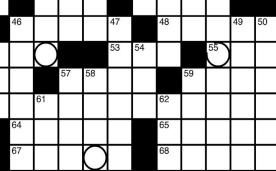
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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

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By David Poole

East's bid is the tale The opposing bidding often guides

Opening lead — jack of spades.

declarer to the best method of play. In this deal, for example, East's opening spade bid drew an accurate blueprint that declarer could easily follow to reach his goal.

West led the jack of spades, and East cashed two spade tricks before shifting to a club. South's problem was to avoid two diamond losers. He could not expect to do this against most possible divisions of the East-West cards, but South found the solution by relying heavily on the vital clue furnished by East's opening bid.

As play began, South could see 12 points in dummy and 15 in his own hand, leaving only 13 points for East's opening bid. Even that number had been reduced to 12 by West's jack-of-spades lead, marking East with the K-Q of diamonds.

South's best chance by far was to attempt an endplay against East. Accordingly, he won the club return with the queen, ruffed a spade in dummy, cashed the A-K of trump and ace of clubs and then led a low diamond toward dummy.

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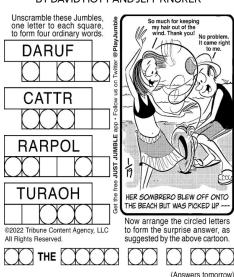
When West played low, South played dummy's nine, losing to the king. East was now in bad shape, whether he returned a spade, a diamond, or a club. Regardless of which he chose, declarer was sure to score the rest of the tricks.

It is true that if East had held the K-Q-10 of diamonds, the endplay would not have succeeded — but in that case, any other approach would also have failed.

Tomorrow: An old favorite.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Williams' return remains up in the air



UConn guard Christyn Williams drives during the first half against Butler on Jan. 12 in Indianapolis. AJ MAST/AP

Senior guard missed game at Oregon due to COVID-19 protocols

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

As the UConn women's basketball team turns the page following Monday's 72-59 road loss to Oregon, one looming question remains: When will Christyn Williams be able to exit COVID-19 protocols and return to the UConn women's basketball team?

The senior guard played Saturday at the XL Center — dropping

Up next

Seton Hall at UConn (Gampel) 7 p.m. Friday, SNY

19 points in a win over Xavier — before the team found out the following day that she wouldn't be available for the Huskies' big nonconference matchup against the Ducks. UConn has been testing players for COVID-19 if they present symptoms or if they are a close contact to someone who tests positive, per CDC guidelines. No other players or staff were affected, the school said, and it was unclear

whether Williams traveled with the team before testing positive.

The short answer as for when she'll return? It depends.

Based off local health guidance, UConn still uses a 10-day isolation period as the "baseline standard" but says an athlete who "is boosted or not booster eligible to exit isolation after five days. This would be contingent on the fact that the person is asymptomatic, and tests negative on Day 6," the school said in a statement to The Courant Tuesday.

"However, this does not mean

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NFL PLAYOFFS COMMENTARY

Patriots defense: Breaking down a breakdown

By Christopher L. GasperBoston Globe

BOSTON — Bill Belichick bucked the trend in the NFL to return the Patriots to the playoffs. In a league infatuated with offense, he built a defense-first outfit, zigging when everyone else is zagging. It worked until it clearly didn't.

The defense was the bedrock of this edition of the Patriots. But it turned into The Boogeymen 2.0. This defense buckled, cracked, crumbled, and let down its creator down the stretch of the season and in a blowout playoff loss to the Bills. Now, Belichick has to pick up the pieces.

Paradoxically, the defense was both the driver of the Patriots' success and the source of its downfall. It powered the team's sevengame winning streak, but the defensive downturn after the bye heralded the end of the Patriots season. It raises the question of whether relying on defense first is a viable path to contention any longer in the NFL. That's the biggest question facing the Patriots this offseason as they chart a path forward.

With a defensive unit getting long in the tooth and featuring foundational players with uncertain futures in Devin McCourty and Dont'a Hightower, it's time to put Mac Jones in the driver's seat. In Mac We Trust should be both the motto and the team-building blueprint for the Patriots.

The postmortem on the defense is gruesome; the numbers after the bye when the team dropped four of its final five games, including the battering by the Bills, are revealing:

The Patriots allowed 30 points per game over their final five, including the post-season. That was 31st in the NFL during that span; only the Panthers were worse at 30.5. Only the Steelers and Bengals allowed more first downs than the Patriots' 106.

Not all of the points surrendered by the Patriots land at the defense's doorstep. Against Indianapolis — the game that triggered the late-season slide

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NO. 25 UCONN MEN 76, BUTLER 59



UConn's Tyrese Martin (4) and Jordan Hawkins (24) greet Andre Jackson (44) after Jackson sank a three-pointer in the first half at the XL Center on Tuesday. Jackson had three three-pointers in a 76-59 victory over Butler. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

No drama in rout

Huskies enjoy rare blowout, cruise past Butler in first leg of home-and-home

By Shreyas Laddha Hartford Courant

There haven't been many games like it this season, but the UConn men's basketball team took care of business on Tuesday night without any end-of-game theatrics.

The Huskies produced a commanding victory against Butler 76-59 at XL Center. The game was initially scheduled for Jan. 1 but had been canceled due to COVID-19 issues within the Huskies' program.

No. 25 UConn (12-4, 3-2 Big East) had a balanced scoring effort with five players in double-digit points (Adama Sanogo, R.J Cole, Tyler Polley, Andre Jackson, and Jordan Hawkins). Guard Cole scored 17 points, while forward Sanogo added 13 points and 15 rebounds, his fourth straight double-double.

Hawkins finished with 14 points. Although it was a clean win for the Huskies, UConn coach Dan Hurley still sees plenty of room for

improvement.
"Not being able to finish plays in

transition has hurt us throughout the year," he said. "We missed so many shots in transition and it's

frustrating."
While Cole and Sanogo are first and second in points per game, respectively, it was Polley and Jackson who stood out.

After a rough shooting start beyond the arc this season, Polley has seemed to rediscover his shooting stroke in the last couple of games. He shot 2-for-4 beyond the arc against Butler. This comes off shooting 3-for-4 against St. John's and 3-for-5 against Seton Hall from beyond the arc. The first half ended with Polley burying a 3 with a hand in his face. He finished with 10 points on 4-for-7 shooting from the field.

"If you know anything about basketball, anybody in the country wishes to have a guy like Tyler on their team," Hurley said.

Jackson made three-straight 3-pointers in the first half, including two from the same spot. Hurley

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Senior-laden Granby powers to 70-45 win over Suffield

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

GRANBY — It's not even close to Senior Night yet but Granby boys basketball coach Wally Hansen is already thinking about it.

He has 11 seniors on his team.

"Eleven is a lot," he said. "That's a lot of basketballs on Senior Night."

But Senior Night is a ways off and Granby (7-1) is busy trying to get through the NCCC season. Tuesday night, the Bears defeated Suffield 70-45 for the second time this season.

Josh Brown had 23 points, including three 3-pointers, for Granby and Justin Phillips added 18, while Declan Lynch had 13. Suffield's Mike Coggins led all scorers with 26 points.

Granby, which beat Suffield

58-39 on Dec. 18, substituted liberally and 10 players saw time.

"We use our depth," Hansen said. "We have a lot of really good kids who are trying to buy into playing as a team and playing

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UP NEXT

UConn MBB: at Butler, Thursday, 9 p.m.; Georgetown (Gampel), Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.; at DePaul, Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. UConn WBB: Seton Hall (Gampel), Friday, 7 p.m.; at St. John's, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at South Carolina, Jan. 27. 7 p.m. Celtics: Hornets. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Trail Blazers, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Wizards, Sunday, 3:30 p.m. Knicks: Pelicans. Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Clippers, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Monday, 7 p.m. **Nets:** at Wizards, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Spurs, Friday, 8:30 p.m.; at Timberwolves, Sunday,

UConn hockey: New Hampshire, Friday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Saturday, 4 p.m.;

Merrimack, Tuesday, Bruins: Capitals, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Jets, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Ducks, Monday, 7 p.m. Rangers: Maple Leafs, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Hurricanes, Friday, 7 p.m.; Coyotes, Saturday, 7 p.m. Wolf Pack: Toronto, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Hershey, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Hershey, Sunday, 3 p.m.

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CELTICS

Nesmith seizes his opportunity to get on floor

By Mark Murphy Boston Herald

BOSTON — The numbers game generally hasn't worked in Aaron Nesmith's favor this season, as Ime Udoka has gone more in the direction of veterans where playing time is concerned.

But with Marcus Smart (health and safety protocol) and Rob Williams (birth of a child) both on ice during the Celtics' 104-92 win over New Orleans on Monday, when the coach searched for a way to shake up his lineup down the stretch, he turned to the second-

Nesmith brought his signature energy to the mix, scoring five straight points in a game-breaking 22-7 run over the first six minutes of the fourth quarter, including a threepoint play off a Jayson Tatum transition bounce pass. He also had six rebounds in a 19-minute run.

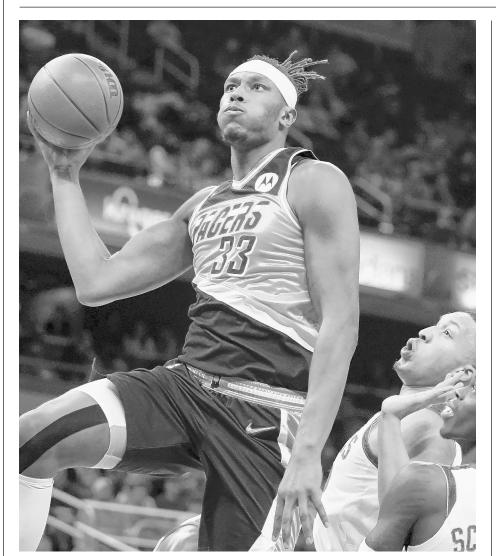
"I didn't love our energy, and defensively we were solid overall but offensively the ball wasn't moving as much, we weren't getting downhill, and he brings energy and effort on every play at both ends of the floor," Udoka said of why he turned to Nesmith. "So it was really his energy

in the first half, we were searching for something with the guys we brought in, and in the second half he really got it going with that unit.

"He was guarding well, he was rebounding well, whether shots fall or not, to your point the energy and intensity that he brought changed the game with that group, so we rode them longer," said the Celtics coach. "He's a guy who hasn't played as much so he can play a little heavier stint there, and I thought those guys finished it out great. We don't love overplaying guys that many minutes, but that group was rolling and we stayed with it in the fourth quarter."

Tatum was happy for his young teammate's increased opportunity.
"That's big. Especially with

Aaron, just always staying ready," said Tatum. "I can only imagine how tough it is to not always get the opportunity but, one thing we can count on is when he comes in the game, he's gonna compete, he's gonna do the little things. Regardless of if shots are going in or not, he's gonna come in and compete. And then when he's hitting shots and getting deflections, that's just a plus. So when Aaron came in and gave us a big boost off the bench, it really changed the flow of the game."



Pacers center Myles Turner shoots during a game against the Celtics on Jan. 12 in Indianapolis. DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Potential trade target Turner out with worrying foot injury

By Stefan Bondy New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Trading for Myles Turner just got more dangerous.

The Pacers center, who was available in the market and targeted by the Knicks, has a "stress reaction" in his left foot, the team announced Tuesday. Such a diagnosis — which was uncovered by "multiple specialists," according to the Pacers - can be a precursor to a stress fracture.

A 7-footer with foot problems is a precar-

Turner, 25, will be reevaluated in two weeks, the Pacers said, but he's expected to be sidelined past the Feb. 10 trade deadline.

Indiana, which is open to dealing some of its core pieces amid a disappointing season, was searching for a haul for Turner but will now either have to deal him for a discount or wait until the summer.

Turner is guaranteed \$18 million next season. Barring an extension, he'll be an unrestricted free agent in 2023.

Turner is an obvious fit on the Knicks because he protects the rim and spaces the floor with a decent 3-point shot. But the Knicks are finally getting consistent production from their own young center, Mitchell Robinson, who has strung together five consecutive games before Tuesday with averages of 13.4 points, 9.6 rebounds and 1.6 blocks on 85% shooting (last stat not a typo).

It's been a necessary contribution from Robinson because of the continued unreliability of Nerlens Noel, who signed a \$27 million deal with the Knicks in the summer but has only played 18 games.

Unfortunately for the Knicks, Noel is signed through next season while Robinson becomes an unrestricted free agent this

Turner can also play power forward but Tom Thibodeau has earmarked the vast majority of minutes at that position to Julius Randle, who is signed for big money until 2026. The Pacers want to transition to a rebuild and are searching for draft picks and/or young prospects.

The Knicks have three first-round picks in the next two years plus three intriguing prospects: Obi Toppin, Immanuel Quickley and Quentin Grimes. This is assuming RJ Barrett is off the table.

The Knicks just unloaded a first-round pick, albeit heavily protected, to take a look at 22-year-old wing Cam Reddish. They have a glaring need at point guard because of injuries to Kemba Walker and Derrick Rose, but also are committed to \$24 million next season to those veterans.

According to multiple reports, the Knicks are interested in acquiring point guard Jalen Brunson from the Mavericks. In that pursuit, Turner's injury might be a help. The Mavericks were among the teams pursuing Turner and Brunson represented a potential piece to such a deal.

Especially for the Mavericks, who are trying to win this season with Luka Doncic running the show, dealing for an injured Turner makes little sense.

Brunson, meanwhile, is an unrestricted free agent after the season and desires a four-year, \$80 million contract in the summer, according to Bleacher Report.

BASKETBALL

NBA at 75: Dr. J says players from many eras built league

Associated Press

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hall of Famer Julius Erving, an NBA and ABA champion, is considered one of the greatest basketball players ever and one of the sport's finest ambassadors. He is an 11-time NBA All-Star and league MVP. As part of an Associated Press series on the NBA at 75, the player known as "Dr. J" shares some of the experiences that provided him with the foundation to help lead the transformation of the league during the 1980s.

Those of us who played in the NBA in the 1980s definitely played a role in what the league has become

And I think that in communicating with the next generation of players, they gave a lot of credit to myself and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. If you start in 1980, and you look at the guys who were the All-Pro players, the MVPs or whatever, there was an acceptance, and there was the crossing-over between the different ethnicities that created a pretty good melt-

I look at the commercial success that happened with myself, with Larry Bird, with Converse and Spalding as an example, and the next wave with Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan. It didn't just happen. There were shoulders we were standing on.

There was Bill Russell, who's been a dear friend for many, many years. Oscar Robertson, Jerry West, and even the lesser-celebrated guys like Walt Bellamy, Lou Hudson, Pete Maravich. We were just trying to kind of give them credit and understand their struggle. They were always taking commercial flights. Before that, I mean, there were guys taking trains and buses. It is so much different now.

And so, over these decades, the eight decades of the NBA, there has been growth from within. That has created an image, a global image, and without all the parts you wouldn't have the total sum.

I was a Salvation Army kid. I knew about being part of something bigger than vourself. John Havlicek and I, we were endorsers for the Special Olympics.

The public service ads and the public service involvement led to the commercial endorsements because people realized that the same guys, those same people doing public service ads could be good pitchmen, good spokesmen.

If you elected to volunteer to do that and you gave up your time and your name, face and likeness, that was a gateway. Wall Street could see it just like anybody else and say, "This guy's pitching the Salvation Army, he's pitching the Special Olympics, so maybe he could pitch my shoe, maybe he could pitch my toothpaste."

Being a Salvation Army kid, that was always in my mind. It helped make me who I am. That's where I played basketball. That's where I learned to travel and be a good representative of the entity that I'm traveling with. And so, we'd get in the station wagon and we'd go all over Long Island, we'd go to New Jersey, we went to Pennsylvania. And to be on the traveling team, that was very important. When you went, you had to behave and you had to represent your family and vou had to represent the Corps, and you had to represent where you were from. And so that helped you in terms of communicating with people and trusting people.

I was 11 when that started. It became a fixture in my life, even today. I'm 71 years old, but I love talking about it even now. A couple months ago I did a program at the Salvation Army, a fundraising program. The guy who coached me when I was 11, he was 19. And he's still a great friend. He kind of left the Corps, became the mayor of the town, Hempstead.

He remembers when I wouldn't have two nickels to rub together, living in a housing project and he said, "Hey, you want to do something different? Let's go ask your mom if you can have permission to go down to the Salvation Army and play basketball inside instead of playing outside, especially in the middle of the winter." I've always regarded that as being pivotal to my life.

I never could have envisioned what my life has become, and I don't think the NBA could envision what it has become today.

BRUINS

TENNIS

Pioneer O'Ree 'overwhelmed' as No. 22 raised to rafters

Associated Press

BOSTON — Willie O'Ree's No. 22 now has a permanent home in Boston's TD Garden. The first Black player to appear in an NHL

game, O'Ree became the 12th player in franchise history to have his number retired prior to the Bruins' matchup with the Carolina Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

The honor came 64 years to the day after he became the league's first Black player on Jan. 18, 1958, when he suited up against the Montreal Canadiens. O'Ree was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in the builder category in 2018.

"It was a memorable night," O'Ree said.

"I'm just thrilled and overwhelmed." The pregame ceremony included a video montage with highlights of O'Ree's career, as well as comments from various people who

expressed how O'Ree touched their lives. The Canadian-born O'Ree said during his



The #22 of Bruins legend Willie O'Ree is hoisted to the rafters of the TD Boston Garden on Tuesday. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

speech that as a young boy growing up in Fredericton, New Brunswick, he grew up rooting for Montreal.

"But on Jan. 18, 1958, when the Bruins called me up to make my NHL debut in a game against the Canadiens, I knew my heart would be with the Bruins forever," he

The ceremony was originally scheduled for last season but was postponed in hopes that both O'Ree and fans would be able to attend in person. O'Ree planned to be in attendance for the rescheduled event on Tuesday, but persisting concerns about the pandemic changed those plans. He participated virtually from his home in San Diego.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Premier Hockey Federation doubles teams' salary cap, to add 2 expansion franchises

Associated Press

The Premier Hockey Federation is more than doubling each teams' salary cap to \$750,000 and adding two expansion franchises next season in a bid to capitalize on the wave of attention women's hockey traditionally enjoys following the Winter Olympics.

The PHF's announcement on Tuesday of its board of governors' commitment to invest more than \$25 million over the next three years is also considered a major step in attempting to thaw its relationship with United States and Canadian national team players, who have balked at joining North America's lone professional women's hockey

"It's an amazing investment by the ownership, and it really reaffirms the strength of their commitment to being a difference-maker in women's hockey," PHF commissioner Ty Tumminia told Associ-

"It's important for us to advance to our

next season and be crystal clear about the direction we're headed, and what framework will be so that all athletes can make an informed decision about their careers," Tumminia added, noting the timing of the announcement comes two weeks before the Winter Games open in Beijing.

The six-team PHF is moving forward with plans to establish a team in Montreal and, without disclosing where, adding another expansion franchise in the United States.

The boost in the cap from \$300,000 this season will lead to an average salary of \$37,500 based on a 20-player minimum roster or \$30,000 for a league-maximum 25-player roster. There will be no limits placed on a player's salary as long as the team's overall payroll remains under the cap.

The cash influx will also lead to the PHF providing full health-care benefits to its players, improving facilities and increasing the number of practices. Players will also gain a 10% equity in their respective team and have control over their likeness.

SCOREBOARD

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38	26	7	5	57	158	111
		-	-			113
				51	123	93
35	22	11	2	46	111	90
40	18	17	5	41	108	130
39	12	20	7	31	101	134
32	11	19	2	24	90	115
37	7	25	5	19	78	136
GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF	GA
39	25	10	4	54	113	96
40	22	9	9	53	133	111
35	25	8	2	52	119	80
38	23	10	5	51	125	100
36	17	18	1	35	116	131
37	14	18	5	33	107	129
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Colorado	36	25	8	3	53	156	115
St. Louis	39	23	11	5	51	138	108
Nashville	40	24	13	3	51	124	112
Minnesota	35	22	10	3	47	132	109
Winnipeg	35	17	12	6	40	105	103
Dallas	35	18	15	2	38	99	106
Chicago	39	15	18	6	36	95	126
Arizona	37	9	24	4	22	82	140
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas	40	23	15	2	48	141	122
Los Angeles	39	20	14	5	45	111	103
Anaheim	41	19	15	7	45	120	120
San Jose	40	21	17	2	44	112	121
Calgary	34	17	11	6	40	105	87
Edmonton	35	18	15	2	38	117	117
Vancouver	38	17	18	3	37	98	110
Seattle	38	11	23	4	26	102	138
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TUESDAY'S RESULTS Washington 4, Winningg 3 (OT) N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, late Carolina at Boston, late Vancouver at Nashville, late Montreal at Dallas, late Florida at Calgary, late Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, late Columbus at N.Y. Islanders, ppd Detroit at Philadelphia, ppd Chicago at Edmonton, ppd

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Arizona at New Jersey, 7p.m. Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30p.m. Colorado at Anaheim, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES Columbus at Philadelphia, 7p.m. Dallas at Buffalo, 7p.m. Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7p.m. Washington at Boston, 7p.m. Winnipeg at Nashville, 8p.m. Florida at Edmonton, 9p.m. Colorado at Los Angeles, 9:30p.m. Montreal at Vegas, 10p.m. San Jose at Seattle, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7p.m. Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7p.m. Arizona at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m. Dallas at Detroit, 7:30p.m. Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30p.m. Florida at Vancouver, 10p.m. St. Louis at Seattle, 10p.m. Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS Detroit 3, Buffalo 2 (OT) Colorado 4, Minnesota 3 (SO) Arizona 5, Montreal 2 San Jose 6, Los Angeles 2 Seattle 3, Chicago 2 (SO) N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 1 St. Louis 5, Nashville 3 Pittsburgh 5, Vegas 3

New Jersey at Toronto, ppd

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Evan Rodrigues	123	PIT	15	30
Kirill Kaprizov	122	MIN	16	44
SHOTS AGAINST	SA	TM	GΑ	SV
Juuse Saros	1030	NSH	79	951
Thatcher Demko	965	VAN	82	883
Connor Hellebuyck	894	WPG	75	819
Andrei Vasilevskiy	886	TBL	67	819
Alex Nedeljkovic	870	DET	71	799
John Gibson	866	ANA	72	794
Tristan Jarry	856	PIT	62	794
Marc-Andre Fleury	848	CHI	71	777
Jack Campbell	842	TOR	58	784
Robin Lehner	833	VEG	80	753
Sergei Bobrovsky	812	FLA	64	748
through Tuesday				

ODDS		
COLLEGE BASKE	ТВА	LL WEDNESDAY
	LINE	
at Florida	41/2	Mississippi State
Northern Iowa	41/2	at Valparaiso
at Creighton	4	St. John's (NY)
at Wofford	131/2	The Citadel
at ETSU	31/2	Mercer
Wake Forest	21/2	at Georgia Tech
Virginia Tech	21/2	at NC State
at Louisville	7	Boston College
at Alabama	21/2	LSU
at Rhode Island	13	La Salle
at Furman	16	Western Carolina
at St. Joseph's (Pa)	91/2	George Wash.
at Villanova	121/2	Marquette
at Oklahoma St.	5	TCU
at Drake	7	Bradley
at Missouri State	11	Illinois State
at S. Illinois	41/2	Indiana State
Kentucky	7	at Texas A&M
at Auburn	22	Georgia
Xavier	7	at DePaul
at Wyoming	18	San Jose State
Virginia	31/2	at Pittsburgh
at Corado State	16	New Mexico

NBA		WI	EDNESDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	12		Orlando
Brooklyn	1	(230) a	t Washington
at Miami	9	$(215\frac{1}{2})$	Portland
at Boston	5	(221)	Charlotte
at Atlanta	2	(233)	Minnesota
at Milwaukee	5	$(225\frac{1}{2})$	Memphis
at Chicago	off	(off)	Cleveland
at San Antonio	61/2	(219)	Okla. City
at Dallas	4	$(206\frac{1}{2})$	Toronto
at Utah	151/2	$(234\frac{1}{2})$	Houston
at Denver	7	(212)	LA Clippers
at Sacramento	51/2	$(220\frac{1}{2})$	Detroit
at LA Lakers	41/2	(2221/2)	Indiana
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at NY Rangers	off	Toronto	off
at Anaheim	off	Colorado	off
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NBA				
EASTERN CON	FFDFI	NCE		
ATLANTIC	w	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	27	16	.628	_
Philadelphia	25	18	.581	2
Toronto	21	20	.512	5
Boston	23	22	.511	5
New York	22	22	.500	5 1/2
SOUTHEAST	w	L	РСТ	GB
Miami	28	16	.636	_
Charlotte	24	20	.545	4
Washington	23	21	.523	5
Atlanta	18	25	.419	9 1/2
Orlando	8	37	.178	20 ½
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	27	15	.643	_
Cleveland	27	18	.600	1 1/2
Milwaukee	27	19	.587	2
Indiana	15	29	.341	13
Detroit	10	32	.238	17
WESTERN				

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Memphis	31	15	.674	
Dallas	25	19	.568	5
San Antonio	16	28	.364	14
New Orleans	16	28	.364	14
Houston	13	32	.289	17 ½
NORTHWEST	w	L	PCT	GB
Utah	29	15	.659	_
Denver	22	20	.524	6
Minnesota	21	22	.488	7 1/2
Portland	18	25	.419	$10\frac{1}{2}$

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Phoenix	34	9	.791	_
Golden State	31	12	.721	3
L.A. Lakers	22	22	.500	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	22	23	.489	13
Sacramento	18	28	.391	17 1/2

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS Minnesota at New York, late Detroit at Golden State, late

Brooklyn at Washington, 7p.m. Orlando at Philadelphia, 7p.m. Charlotte at Boston, 7:30p.m. Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30p.m. Portland at Miami, 7:30p.m. Cleveland at Chicago, 8p.m. Memphis at Milwaukee, 8p.m. Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8:30p.m. Toronto at Dallas, 8:30p.m. Houston at Utah, 9p.m. Detroit at Sacramento, 10p.m. L.A. Clippers at Denver, 10p.m. Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 10:30p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES New Orleans at New York, 7:30p.m. Phoenix at Dallas, 7:30p.m. Indiana at Golden State, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7p.m. L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 7p.m. Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7p.m. Miami at Atlanta, 7:30p.m. Portland at Boston, 7:30p.m. Chicago at Milwaukee, 8p.m. Toronto at Washington, 8p.m. Brooklyn at San Antonio, 8:30p.m. Detroit at Utah, 9p.m. Memphis at Denver, 9p.m. Houston at Golden State, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS Boston 104, New Orleans 92 Charlotte 97, New York 87 Washington 117, Philadelphia 98 Cleveland 114, Brooklyn 107 Memphis 119, Chicago 106 L.A. Clippers 139, Indiana 133 Atlanta 121, Milwaukee 114 Portland 98, Orlando 88 Miami 104, Toronto 99 Phoenix 121. San Antonio 107 Dallas 104, Oklahoma City 102

L.A. Lakers 101, Otali 95
NFLPLAYOFFS
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF ROUND SATURDAY'S GAMES
No. 4 Cincinnati (11-7) at
No. 1Tennessee (12-5), 4:30p.m.
No. 6 San Francisco (11-7) at
No. 1 Croon Day (12.4) 9:1En m

No. 1 Green Bay (13-SUNDAY'S GAMES No. 4 L.A. Rams (13-5) at No. 2Tampa Bay (14-4), 3p.m. No. 3Buffalo (12-6) at No. 2 Kansas City (13-5), 6:30p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday, Jan. 30 AFC Championship Game, 3:10p.m. NFC Championship Game, 6:40p.m.

Feb. 13 aSoFi Stadium. Inglewood, Calif., 6:30p.m.

WILD CARD ROUND SATURDAY, JAN. 15 No. 4Cincinnati 26, No. 5Las Vegas 19 No. 3Buffalo 47, No. 6 New England 17 SUNDAY, JAN. 16 No. 2Tampa Bay 31, No. 7 Phila. 15 No. 6 San Francisco 23, No. 3 Dallas 17 No. 2 Kansas City 42, No. 7 Pittsburgh 21 MONDAY, JAN, 17 No. 4 L.A. Rams 34, No. 5 Arizona 11

PLAYOFF TOP PERFORMERS 404: Patrick Mahomes II, KC vs. PIT 1/16 (30-39, 5 TD)

310: Derek Carr, LAS at CIN 1/15 (29-54, 1 TD) **308:** Josh Allen, BUF vs. NE 1/15 (21-25, 5 TD) 96: Eliiah Miethcll, SFat DAL 1/16

(27 car., TD) 83: Josh Jacobs, OAK at CIN 1/15 (13 car. 0 TD) 81: Devin Singletary, BUF vs. NE 1/15 (16 car, 2 TD) 72: Deebo Samuel, SF at DAL 1/16

(10 car, TD)

RECEIVING

117: Mike Evans, TB vs. PHI 1/16 (9 rec., 1 TD) 116: Ja'Marr Chase, CIN vs. LAS 1/15 (9 rec., 0 TD) 108: Travis Kelce, KC vs. PIT 1/16 (5 rec., 1 TD)

LATE MONDAY: L.A. RAMS 34, ARIZONA 11 0 0 8 3 7 14 7 6 L.A. Rams First Quarter LAR: Beckham 4pass from Stafford (Gay kick), 3:50. Second Quarter LAR: Stafford 1run (Gav kick), 11:58. LAR: Long 3interception return (Gay kick), 7:59.

Third Ouarter LAR: Kupp 7pass from Stafford (Gay kick), 10:36. Ari: Conner 2run (Wesley pass from K.Murray), 4:11. Fourth Quarter LAR: FG Gay 37, 14:55. Ari: FG Prater 55, 10:13. LAR: FG Gay 46, 4:21.

TEAM STATS First downs Total net yards Rushes-yards Passing Punt returns Kickoff returns Interceptions ret. Comp-att-int Sacked-yards lost Punts Fumbles-lost Penalties-yards	ARI 14 183 18-61 122 1-0 1-15 0-0 19-34-2 2-15 5-48.2 1-0 7-50 24-14	LAR 16 375 38-140 235 2-19 2-28 2-3 14-18-0 1-7 5-39.6 0-0 6-48 35-44
Time of possession	24:14	35:44

RUSHING: Arizona, Edmonds 8-28. Conner 4-19, Benjamin 4-8, K.Murray 2-6, L.A. Rams, Michel 13-58, C.Akers 217-55, Stafford 6-22, Funk 2-5. **PASSING:** Arizona, K.Murray 19-34-2-137. L.A. Rams, Stafford 13-17-0-202, Beckham 1-1-0-40. RECEIVING: Arizona, Kirk 6-51, Moore 5-32, Ertz 3-21, Benjamin 2-26, Daniels 2-2, Conner 1-5. L.A. Rams, Kupp 5-61, Beckham 4-54, Higbee 3-46, Jefferson 1-41, C.Akers 1-40, INTERCEPTIONS: L.A. Rams, Long 1-3,

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 Gonzaga (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday. No. 2 Auburn (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Wednesday.

No. 3 Arizona (14-1) did not play. Next:

No. 4 Purdue (15-2) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday. No. 5 Baylor (16-2) beat West Virginia 77-68. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday. No. 6 Duke (14-2) at Florida State. Next:

vs. Svracuse. Saturday. No. 7 Kansas (15-2) beat Oklahoma 67-64. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday. No. 8 Wisconsin (14-2) at Northwestern. Next: vs. No. 14 Michigan State, No. 9 UCLA (11-2) did not play. Next: at

Utah, Thursday.
No. 10 Houston (15-2) vs. South Florida. Next: vs. East Carolina, Saturday No. 11 Villanova (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday. No. 12 Kentucky (14-3) did not play. No. 13 LSU (15-2) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Wednesday. No. 14 Michigan State (14-3) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Wisconsin, Friday. No. 15 Iowa State (14-3) at No. 18 Texas Tech. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
No. 16 Southern Cal (14-2) did not play.

Next: at Colorado, Thursday, No. 17 Illinois (13-4) did not play Next: at Maryland, Friday. No. 18 Texas Tech (13-4) vs. No. 15 Iowa State. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday. No. 19 Ohio State (12-4) beat IUPUI 83-37. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturda No. 20 Xavier (13-3) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday. No. 21 Providence (14-2) at Seton Hall,

ppd. Next: vs. Georgetown, Thursday. No. 22 Loyola Chicago (13-2) at Evansville. Next: vs. Missouri State. Saturdav. No. 23 Texas (13-4) vs. Kansas State. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday. No. 24 Tennessee (11-5) at Vanderbilt Next: vs. No. 13 LSU, Saturday No. 25 UConn (12-4) beat Butler 76-59. Next: at Butler. Saturday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST Baylor 77, West Virginia 68 Iona 86, Monmouth (NJ) 85, OT Niagara 72, Manhattan 63 St. Peter's 65, Canisius 57 UConn 76, Butler 59 SOUTH Davidson 63, VCU 61

E. Kentucky 86, Lipscomb 72 Florida Gulf Coast 93, Stetson 91, OT Liberty 88, Jacksonville 49 Miami 85, North Carolina 57 Missouri 78, Mississippi 53 UCF 92, East Carolina 85, OT MIDWEST Akron 74, W. Michigan 73 Bellarmine 68, North Alabama 60

Dayton 68, St. Bonaventure 50 Kent St. 56, E. Michigan 47 Michigan 83, Maryland 64 Ohio 86, Miami (Ohio) 63 Ohio St. 83, IUPUI 37 Toledo 83, Ball St. 70 SOUTHWEST Arkansas 75, South Carolina 59 Kansas 67, Oklahoma 64

MEN'S INDIVIDU	JAL LEADERS	
POINTS/GAME	SCHOOL	PTS
Antoine Davis	Detroit Mercy	23.9
Keegan Murray	Iowa	23.9
Max Abmas	Oral Roberts	23.1
Darius McGhee	Liberty	22.8
Johnny Davis	Wisconsin	21.7
Malachi Smith	Chattanooga	21.5
Julian Champagnie	St. John's (NY)	21.4
Peter Kiss	Bryant	21.2
Kofi Cockburn	Illinois	21.1
Kendric Davis	SMU	21.1
J. Freeman-Liberty	/DePaul	21.1
Terrell Brown	Washington	21.0
Antonio Reeves	Illinois State	20.9
Ochai Agbaji	Kansas	20.6
MJ Randolph	Florida A&M	20.6
Taevion Kinsey	Marshall	20.5
Ty Gordon	Nicholls State	20.3
Alondes Williams	Wake Forest	20.3
Tanner Holden	Wright State	20.2
Jahmir Young	Charlotte	20.2
Graham Ike	Wyoming	20.0
Isiaih Mosley	Missouri State	20.0
REBOUNDS/GAME	SCHOOL	TRB
Oscar Tshiebwe	Kentucky	14.9

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Jahmir Young	Charlotte	20.2
Graham Ike	Wyoming	20.0
Isiaih Mosley	Missouri State	20.0
REBOUNDS/GAME	SCHOOL	TRB
Oscar Tshiebwe	Kentucky	14.9
Fardaws Aimag	Utah Valley	13.8
Kofi Cockburn	Illinois	11.8
Chuba Ohams	Fordham	11.4
Armando Bacot	North Carolina	11.2
Enrique Freeman	Akron	10.9
Norchad Omier	Arkansas State	10.9
Kenneth Lofton	Louisiana Tech	10.5
Justin Bean	Utah State	10.4
Dillon Jones	Weber State	10.4
Kevin Marfo	Quinnipiac	10.2
Royce Hamm	ŬNLV .	10.0
Sukhmail Mathon	Boston U.	10.0
Johni Broome	Morehead State	9.9
John Harrar	Penn State	9.9
Jayv. McKinnis	Jackson State	9.9
Essam Mostafa	Coastal Carolin	a 9.9
Carson Towt	No. Arizona	9.9
through Monday		

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 South Carolina (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Monday. No. 2 Stanford (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.

No. 3 Louisville (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 4 NC State, Thursday.
No. 4 NC State (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Louisville, Thursda No. 5 Tennessee (17-1) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Georgia, Sunday. No. 6 Indiana (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan St., Wednesd No. 7 Iowa St. (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Texas. Wednesday No. 8 Michigan (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Thursday. No. 9 UConn (9-4) lost to Oregon 72-59. No. 10 Arizona (12-2) did not play. Next: No. 11 LSU (17-2) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday.

No. 12 Maryland (12-5) did not play. Next: at Ohio St.. Next: at Ohio St., Thursday. No. 13 Georgia (14-3) beat Missouri 72-62. Next: at Mississippi St., Thurs-

day. No. 14 Oklahoma (15-2) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Wednesday No. 15 Texas (12-3) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Iowa St., Wednesday.
No. 15 Baylor (11-4) did not play. Next: No. 17 BYU (14-1) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Thursday No. 18 Georgia Tech (13-4) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Thursday. No. 19 Notre Dame (13-3) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Thursday. No. 20 North Carolina (14-2) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Thursday No. 21 Duke (11-4) did not play. Next: at Miami, Tuesday.

No. 22 Colorado (13-2) lost to Oregon St. 69-66, OT. Next: at Arizona State, No. 23 Kentucky (8-5) did not play.

GOLF

No. 24 Florida Gulf Coast (15-1) did not

No. 25 Iowa (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Indiana, Sunday.

play. Next: at Stetson, Wednesday

PGA TOUR ALL-AROU RK. GOLFER	JND RA EV	NKING TOTAL
1. Justin Thomas	3	203
2. Collin Morikawa	3	275
3. Sungjae Im	6	280
4. Talor Gooch	8	294
5. Cameron Smith	5	313
6. Aaron Wise	5	335
7. Corey Conners	4	344
8. Jon Rahm	2	348
9. Hideki Matsuyama	6	372
10. Sam Burns	5	374
11. Marc Leishman	6	386
12. Seamus Power	8	402
13. Russell Henley	6	405
14. Xander Schauffele	3	420
14. Hayden Buckley	6	420
16. Mackenzie Hughes	5	430
16. Webb Simpson	5	430

TENNIS

110TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tuesday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, outdoors-hard MEN'S FIRST-ROUND SINGLES

#2 Daniil Medvedev d. Henri Laaksonen, 6-1, 6-4, 7-6(3). #4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Mikael Ymer, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3. #5 Andrey Rublev d. Gianluca Mager,

6-3, 6-2, 6-2. #7 Marin Cilic d. Emilio Gomez, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

#9 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Emil Ruusuvuori, 6-4, 0-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. #11 Jannik Sinner d. Joao Sousa,

6-4, 7-5, 6-1. #13 Diego Schwartzman d. Filip Krajinovic, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5. #15 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Stefano Travaglia, 7-6(2), 6-4, 5-7, 6-1. #20 Taylor Fritz d. Maximilian Marterer,

7-6(8), 6-3, 6-2.
Andy Murray d. #21 Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-4.
Maxime Cressy d. #22 John Isner, 7-6(2), 7-5, 6-7(4), 6-7(4), 6-4.
#24 Daniel Evans d. David Goffin, 6-4, 6-3, 6-9.

6-4, 6-3, 6-0, 6-4, 6-3, 6-0. #26 Grigor Dimitrov d. Jiri Lehecka, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. Richard Gasquet, d. #29 Ugo Humbert, 3-6, 7-6(4), 7-6(3), 6-3. #32 Alex de Minaur d. Lorenzo Musetti, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, 6-3. Botic van de Zandschulp d. Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Philipp Kohlschreiber d. Marco Cecchinato, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6(0). Christopher O'Connell d. Hugo Gaston, 7-6(4), 6-0, 4-6, 6-1. Norbert Gombos d. Timofey Skatov, 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Ricardas Berankis d. Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-1, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Steve Johnson d. Jordan Thompson,

7-6(5), 6-7(6), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. enoit Paire d. Thiago Monteiro, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5. Taro Daniel d. Tomas Barrios Vera 7-6(5), 6-1, 6-1. Tomas Machac d. Juan Manuel Cerundolo, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2,

Pablo Andujar d. Damir Dzumhur, 6-1, 7-5, 6-1. Alex Molcan d. Roman Safiullin. 6-3, 7-6(9), 5-7, 7-6(6). Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Alex Bolt, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. Kamil Majchrzak d. Andreas Seppi, 6-1, 6-1, 7-5. Nick Kyrgios d. Liam Broady, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. Frances Tiafoe d. Marco Trungelliti,

3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Sebastian Baez d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. Arthur Rinderknech d. Alexei Popyrin, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. EARLY WEDNESDAY'S SECOND ROUND

#14 Denis Shapovalov vs. Soon Woo Kwon, late #19 Pablo Carreno Busta vs. Tallon Griekspoor, late #23 Reilly Opelka vs. Dominik Koepfer, late #25 Lorenzo Sonego vs. Oscar Otte, late Tommy Paul vs. Miomir Kecmanovic, late Corentin Moutet vs. Sebastian Korda, late

WOMEN'S FIRST-ROUND SINGLES #2 Aryna Sabalenka d. Storm Sanders, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2. #3 Garbine Muguruza d. Clara Burel,

6-3, 6-4. #6 Anett Kontaveit d. Katerina Siniakova, 6-2, 6-3. #7 Iga Swiatek d. Harriet Dart, 6-3, 6-0. #10 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d. Anna Bondar, 6-2, 6-1. #12 Elena Rybakina d. Zarina Diyas, 6-7(3), 7-6(3), 6-1. #14 Simona Halep d. Magdalena Frech,

6-4, 6-3. Kaia Kanepi d. #16 Angelique Kerber, 6-4, 6-3. #17 Emma Raducanu d. Sloane Stephens, 6-0, 2-6, 6-1. #19 Elise Mertens d. Vera Zvonareva,

6-4, 7-5. Sorana Cirstea d. #20 Petra Kvitova, 6-2, 6-2. Maddison Inglis d. #23 Leylah Annie Fernandez, 6-4, 6-2. #25 Daria Kasatkina d. Stefanie Voegele, 6-3, 6-1.

#27 Danielle Collins d. Caroline Dolehide, 6-1, 6-3. #29 Tamara Zidansek d. Arantxa Rus, #31 Marketa Vondrousova d. Priscilla Hon, 6-2, 6-3. Rebecca Peterson d. Daria Saville,

6-2, 6-3. Kristina Kucova d. Misaki Doi, 6-3, 7-5. Alize Cornet d. Viktoriya Tomova, 6-3, 6-3. Sam Stosur d. Robin Anderson, 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-3. Irina-Camelia Begu d. Oceane Dodin, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Magda Linette d. Anastasija Sevastova, 6-4, 7-5. Hailey Baptiste d. Caroline Garcia, 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-3. Liudmila Samsonova d. Emina Bektas, 7-5, 6-4.

Heather Watson d. Mayar Sherif, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. Zhang Shuai d. Viktorija Golubic, 6-3, 6-4. Ana Konjuh d. Shelby Rogers, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. Clara Tauson d. Astra Sharma, 6-3, 6-4.

Xinyu Wang d. Ann Li, 7-6(5), 6-3. Marie Bouzkova d. Rebecca Marino, 6-1, 6-3. Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Katie Volynets, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Danka Kovinic d. Jang Su Jeong, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
EARLY WEDNESDAY SECOND ROUND

#1 Ashleigh Barty d. Lucia Bronzetti, 6-1, 6-1. #8 Paula Badosa d. Martina Trevisan, 6-0, 6-3. #15 Elina Svitolina d. Harmony Tan, 6-3, 5-7, 5-1, retired. #21 Jessica Pegula vs. Bernarda Pera, late Marta Kostyuk d. #23 Sara Sorribes Tormo, 7-6(5), 6-3. #24 Victoria Azarenka d. Jil Teichmann, 6-1, 6-2.

#26 Jelena Ostapenko vs. Alison Riske, late #30Camila Giorgi d. Tereza Martincova, 6-2, 7-6(2). Madison Keys vs.

Jaqueline Cristian, late

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Liverpool	21	13	6	2	55	18	45
Chelsea	23	12	8	3	46	18	44
West Ham	22	11	4	7	41	30	37
Arsenal	20	11	2	7	33	25	35
Tottenham	18	10	3	5	23	20	33
Man United	20	9	5	6	32	29	32
Wolverhampton	20	9	4	7	17	15	31
Brighton	21	6	11	4	22	22	29
Leicester	18	7	4	7	31	33	25
Crystal Palace	21	5	9	7	30	31	24
Southampton	21	5	9	7	25	33	24
Aston Villa	20	7	2	11	27	32	23
Brentford	21	6	5	10	24	33	23
Leeds	20	5	7	8	24	39	22
Everton	19	5	4	10	24	34	19
Watford	19	4	2	13	23	37	14
Norwich	21	3	4	14	10	45	13
Newcastle	20	1	9	10	20	43	12
Burnley	17	1	8	8	16	27	11

TUESDAY'S RESULTS Brighton 1, Chelsea 1 Burnley vs. Watford, ppd

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES Leicester vs. Tottenham, 2:30p.m. Brentford vs. Man United, 3p.m. FRIDAY'S MATCH

Watford vs. Norwich, 3p.m. SATURDAY'S MATCHES Everton vs. Aston Villa, 7:30a.m. Brentford vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m. Leeds vs. Newcastle, 10a.m. Man United vs. West Ham, 10a.m.

Southampton vs. Man City, 12:30p.m.



Rams receiver Cooper Kupp runs past Cardinals cornerback Byron Murphy during Monday's wild-card playoff game in Inglewood, Calif. KYUSUNG GONG/AP

NFL PLAYOFFS

Rams give boot to division rival

Cardinals' season ends with whimper

By Greg Beacham Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. -Matthew Stafford passed for 202 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score in his first playoff victory, and the Rams roared out of the wild-card round with a 34-11 win over the Cardinals on Monday night.

Odell Beckham Jr. and Cooper Kupp made touchdown catches for the NFC West champion Rams (13-5), who will visit the defending Super Bowl champion Buccaneers on Sunday for a spot in the NFC championship game. The Rams advanced in the postseason for the third time in the last four years under coach Sean McVay.

David Long also scored on a 3-yard interception return while the Rams' defense harassed Kyler Murray into a calamitous playoff debut. The Rams jumped to a 28-0 lead and cruised in the first playoff game at SoFi Stadium, which will host Super Bowl 56 next month.

Stafford was outstanding in his first playoff game with the Rams, completing 13 of his season-low 17 passes without an interception and despite three drops. He coolly directed LA's offense while seizing his first playoff win in 13 NFL seasons the first 12 spent in Detroit, where his Lions went 0-3 in the postseason.

"I thought he did a great job leading the way," McVay said of Stafford. "He's still the same great player to me, and he always was before this game. I think it's good so you guys don't have to talk about that anymore. So pleased be able to do this with him. He's our leader. out there, and we wouldn't be here without him."

After an inconsistent finish to the regular season, the Rams' constellation of big stars came together

brilliantly around Stafford on the postseason stage.

Beckham had four catches for 54 yards, including his first career playoff touchdown catch for the Rams' first points. He also threw a 40-yard pass during his own first postseason victory. Linebacker Von Miller added six tackles and a key early sack in his first postseason appearance since winning the MVP award in Super Bowl 50.

Murray went 19 of 34 for 137 yards and two interceptions for the Cardinals (11-7), who followed their 10-2 start with a 1-5 slide. The Cardinals lost on the road for only the second time in 10 games this season under coach Kliff Kingsbury, but fell to the Rams for the 10th time in the NFC West rivals' last 11 meetings.

"We didn't do anything right the first two quarters," Kingsbury said. "The Rams handled the game and the atmosphere well. ... As an offense, we were just out of sync on a couple of things early that could have changed the game. We never got in a rhythm."

James Conner rushed for a TD for the Cardinals, who have one playoff victory since the 2009 season. Murray went 7 for 17 for 28 yards and threw two interceptions in an awful first half that left the Cardinals trail $ing 21\hbox{-}0\,with\,just\,40\,yards\,of$ offense before they managed to get their first first down.

"I feel like we were dominant out there," All-Pro Rams defensive lineman Aaron Donald said. "I feel like the quarterback wasn't comfortable at all."

The Rams went up by three touchdowns when linebacker Troy Reeder's pressure prompted Murray to fling the ball blindly out of the end zone to avoid a safety. Long made a shoetop interception and took one stride to score the shortest pick-6 in playoff history.

IN BRIEF

Prescott apologizes for comments about officials

News services

Dak Prescott apologized Tuesday night for his comments that condoned Cowboys fans throwing objects at NFL officials after the team's playoff loss, with the quarterback saying in a series of tweets that he deeply regretted what he said after the game.

When initially asked about objects such as water bottles being thrown at Cowboys players as they left the field at the end of their 23-17 wild-card loss to the 49ers on Sunday, Prescott said it was "sad" fans would do that. After another reporter said it appeared that officials were the targets, the quarterback responded, "Credit to them then."

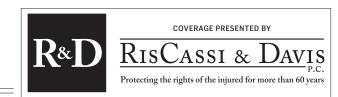
■ Browns defensive tackle Malik McDowell, who was given a second chance by the team after serving jail time, was arrested Monday in Florida on charges of beating a police officer and public exposure. ... The Seahawks fired defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr. and passing game coordinator Andre Curtis. ... Former Bears DE and Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Hampton, 64, was sentenced

to one year of probation after pleading guilty to a drunken-driving charge last month in Indiana.

Baseball: The Dodgers promoted former pitcher Brandon Gomes to general manager, filling a spot that had been vacant since 2018.

NBA: Lusia Harris, who was the only woman to be drafted by an NBA team and scored the first points in women's basketball history at the Olympics, died. She was 66. Harris, who died in her native Mississippi, was officially drafted by the New Orleans Jazz in the seventh round in 1977, but didn't try out for the team because she was pregnant at the time.

NHL: The league will stop testing asymptomatic players, coaches and staff who are fully vaccinated following the All-Star break in early February, saying coronavirus cases continue to decline across the lague. ... Lightning C Steven Stamkos, Avalanche C Nazem Kadri, Rangers C Mika Zibanejad and Ducks F Troy Terry won the final roster spots for All-Star Weekend as a result of fan voting.



Williams

they can begin team activities immediately as there are return to play standards that could take several more days

UConn's team is all vaccinated, but it is unknown what Williams' booster status is or whether she's experiencing symptoms.

Back when the UConn women had four players who tested positive for COVID-19 after the holidays, they had to isolate for 10 days. At the time, Auriemma said they needed five days of practice under their belts before they could play in games. In that first set of cases, the players' symptoms were "almost nil," according to Auriemma.

Based off the timeline the school provided, it doesn't seem wise to count on having Williams for Friday's game against Seton Hall. After that, the Huskies are set to travel to Queens and take on St. John's.

The biggest hope would be that Williams is healthy and available for next Thursday's rematch at South Carolina. The Huskies will already be without Paige Bueckers and Aubrey Griffin and would be at in even greater disadvantage if they have to compete without the team's second-leading scorer (14.6 points per game). And while Williams had an up-and-down season prior to her COVID-19 absence, she had played her

best, well-rounded basketball in the two games prior to Oregon. At the very baseline, the Huskies are severely limited if they can only play with three guards and are without one of their few go-to scorers left standing.

There was a shred of hope that came out of Auriemma's postgame press conference regarding freshman Azzi Fudd, who has been out since December with a foot injury.

"Azzi's is coming along," he said. "We got pretty good news on her the other day that she can start doing some workouts. So hopefully little by little, we'll get her out on the court before too long."

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GIANTS

Playoff wins since the Beckham trade: It's OBJ 1, Giants 0

By Pat Leonard New York Daily News

NEW YORK - The Giants didn't sign him to trade him to watch him win playoff games somewhere else.

But that's exactly what Odell Beckham Jr. did Monday night with the Los Angeles Rams, scoring his first career postseason victory.

That's more than the Giants' zero playoffs victories (and appearances) in the three years since the infamous deal. Giants GM Dave Gettleman since has been ousted, as well.

Beckham was the Rams' catalyst in blowing open a 34-11 wild card win over the Arizona Cardinals. He caught four passes for 54 yards and a touchdown and completed a 40-yard

He became the first player in NFL postseason history to have a 30-yard reception and a 30-yard passing completion in the same game, per ESPN Stats

He scored the game's first touchdown, high-pointing a 4-yard TD pass from Matt Stafford in the first quarter, tapping his toes in the back left corner of the end zone. He had caught a 17-yard pass early in that same drive.

Then he caught a 31-yard

pass down to the Cardinals' 2-yard line in the second quarter - on a play designed specifically for him — to set up a Stafford 1-yard TD sneak for a 14-0 lead

Beckham also completed a 40-yard pass to Rams running back Cam Akers in the third quarter to help set up a Stafford 7-yard TD pass to Cooper Kupp. That ballooned the Rams' lead to 28-0.

Gettleman unforgettably signed Beckham to a fiveyear, \$90 million extension in August 2018, then traded him at a discount in March 2019 to an NFL Siberia, the Cleveland Browns.

The Browns organization chose Baker Mayfield over Beckham this fall. Beckham's father went public with rampant examples of the Browns quarterback's shortcomings and reluctance to throw his son the ball.

That helped OBJ escape from a toxic situation to sign with the Rams, the organization that had first pursued a trade with the Giants for him back in the spring of 2018.

And on Monday, Beckham thrived in his second career playoff game on the big stage of SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif. The win improved the Rams' record to 6-3 since his signing in November.

SPORTS MEDIA

Courant's Amore named Connecticut Sportswriter of the Year

Hartford Courant senior writer Dom Amore was selected as the 2021 Connecticut Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sports Media Association on Tuesday.

Amore's top stories of 2021 included UConn men and women and Hartford men in NCAA Tournaments, the epic Travelers Championship final and the story of UConn baseball player Justin Willis' harrowing escape from collapsed building in Miami.

This was the six title for Amore, who also earned the award in in 2011, '12, '13, '15, and '18.

Amore, 59, joined the Courant in 1988 and has written about high schools, sports media, the Hartford Whalers, New York Giants, Yankees and UConn and covered 10 World Series, eight Super Bowls and NCAA men's and women's Final Fours. In 2021, he added a columnist role and was a contributor for MyTV9's 'Inside New York Baseball" weekly TV program. The Connecticut native is also an adjunct professor of journalism at his alma mater, Southern Connecticut State University, and Central Connecticut State University.

"Dom is not only a fantastic writer, he is a mentor for up-and-coming journalists," Courant sports editor Kellie Love said. "I can always count on him to volunteer for any assignment. He cares deeply about telling the best stories around Connecticut athletes and sports."

- Staff report



UConn's Adama Sanogo (21) drives to the hoop against Butler's Bryce Nze (10) in the first half at the XL Center on Tuesday night. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

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had talked previously about how much his game has grown and perhaps no better evidence is the leap in 3-point percentage from last season to this season. He shot 11.8% from 3 last season and is now better than 47% coming into this game, which is second on the team. He was also great on the boards fighting hard to secure critical rebounds. Jackson finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"He's a tremendous talent," Hurley said. "He's got another level he can take his game too. He's in the gym more than anybody I've ever seen, him and Adama."

Jayden Taylor led Butler with 19 points.

The game was ugly early. It took until the 17:06 mark in the first for the Huskies to score as Sanogo scored on his classic hook shot. Butler scored their second bucket of the game when UConn's Jackson had the ball stolen on the rebound by Butler's John-Michael Mullov, who dunked the ball to cut the UConn lead to 10-4 at the

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Butler	M	FG	FT	RB	Α	PF	PT
Taylor	30	5-13	6-10	2	0	1	19
Nze	30	3-10	2-7	7	0	3	8
Thompson	18	2-5	4-4	2	0	2	8
Golden	26	0-6	2-2	4	2	1	2
Bolden	15	0-4	0-0	3	0	0	0
Lukosius	25	7-13	1-2	4	1	1	17
Tate	2	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	4
Mulloy	8	0-1	1-2	3	0	1	1
Harris	16	0-4	0-0	2	1	3	0
Hodges	15	0-2	0-0	4	1	4	0
Groce	11	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Wilmoth	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Parker	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
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Cole	33	4-7	8-9	6	3	2	17
Sanogo	24	6-14	1-5	15	1	4	13
Jackson	30	4-9	1-1	10	3	3	12
Martin	20	1-7	1-2	8	3	2	3
Whaley	10	0-3	0-0	0	0	3	0
Hawkins	18	5-9	3-4	0	0	2	14
Polley	23	4-7	0-0	3	0	2	10
Akok	22	1-4	1-2	2	0	2	3
Johnson	3	1-1	0-0	1	0	2	2
Springs	2	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Gaffney	12	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0
Diggins	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
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13:08 mark. At the 05:11 mark, Jack-

son caught fire from beyond the arc after draining a 3 from the top of the arc. On the very next possession, he made a 3 from the same spot to put the Huskies up 31-16 and walked off with a bit of swagger. Immediately after, Butler called time out with 4:38 left in the half. Cole didn't score his first bucket until a layup with 2:43 left (he shot 8-for-9 from the line) but was tied with Polley for the most points in the half with 10.

While it took some time for UConn's offense to warm up, the Huskie's defensive identity was evident from tip-off. UConn held Butler to 8-for-30 (26.7%) shooting from the field. Nothing came easy for the Bulldogs on the offensive end as they struggled to score in the paint and got blocked five times in the first half. UConn went into the half with a commanding 39-24 lead.

The second half started with a quick 4-0 UConn run that led to a Butler timeout at the 18:35 mark. The Bulldogs cut the lead to just 11 points after Simas Lukosius's jumper at the 14:38 mark. The Huskies never let the game get closer than that the rest of the game.

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a blocked punt haunted the Patriots in a 27-17 loss. In the regular-season finale at Miami, Jones threw a pick-6 and the final play of the game was a botched lateral that resulted in a Dolphins touchdown to cap a 33-24 setback.

However, even removing those 20 points, the defense still allowed 26 points per game over the final five. The season average for the Patriots was 17.8, second-best in the NFL.

Twenty-six points per game is a pertinent number because the Patriots didn't win a game all season in which the opposition scored 25 points or more. The most they allowed in a victory was 24 to the Chargers. That's a tough row to hoe in the modern NFL.

'The season did definitely change after the bye week," said safety Adrian Phillips. "The main thing from the defensive side was that we weren't dominating like we were pre-bye week. It's up to us to get that figured out."

Phillips was adamant that there was nothing schematic teams did to the Patriots following the bye that represented a silver bullet. They just didn't execute.

The easiest answer isn't in X's and O's. It's water seeking its level.

During their winning streak, the parsimonious Patriots yielded a meager 10.3 points per game. Playing that type of defense for the entirety of the rest of the season wasn't a fair or reasonable expectation for an aging

unit battling injuries in an expanded season.

The Patriots routinely missed the opponents' star players and biggest threats during the sevengame magical mystery tour. The defense turned out to be closer to the Mac-led offense than we thought: It required a certain set of favorable game conditions to operate at peak effectiveness.

What got disguised during the barrage of blowouts was that the team's run defense was not improved enough. Allowing a Miami

club that came in ranked second to last in rushing to gain 195 yards and average 4.5 yards per rush was telling.

Over the final five weeks, the Patriots ranked 30th in yards allowed per carry at 5.06 and 31st in yards per game (157.8).

This continued a theme from last season when linebackers Hightower and Kyle Van Noy and interior linemen Christian Barmore and Davon Godchaux weren't in Patriots uniforms.

The Patriots finished 25th in yards per rush allowed (4.53), identical to what they allowed in 2020.

Most surprising about the downturn was that the Patriots' pass defense became suddenly susceptible. Don't blame it on the loss of slot corner Jonathan Jones. He suffered his season-ending shoulder injury against Dallas, the final game before the seven-game winning streak. The Patriots just

seemed to be a step slow because of the general wear and tear from the pumped-up regular season.

METS

How does Cano fit into 2022 plans?

By Matthew Roberson New York Daily News

NEW YORK - As hefades further and further away from Mets' fans collective consciousness, Robinson Cano finds himself in a situation that those same people would kill for: on the verge of a champion-

Playing for Estrellas Orientales in the Dominican Republic Professional Baseball League, the embattled 39-year-old is three wins away from delivering the club their fourth league championship. A 5-4

extra-inning win on Monday night got Estrellas off on the right foot, and Cano's RBI single was a key moment in the game's early going. He finished the game 1-for-4 while batting third and playing DH.

Cano entered the final series hitting .281 with 21 RBI in 26 games between the regular and postseason. While the competition in Dominican Republic won't be nearly as stiff as MLB, any production at all is a welcome sight for the Mets, who haven't seen him play a stateside game in nearly a year and a half.

When Cano was popped for his second performance-enhancing drug suspension after the 2020 season, many people understandably wrote him off. The overall approval rating for an aging middle infielder with multiple drug offenses is always going to be minimal. When that player is still owed \$72 million over the next three years, as Cano was when he got banned for the entire 2021 campaign, that disapproval can quickly turn to anger. But the out-ofsight, out-of-mind nature of Cano's Mets' tenure has turned much of that anger

into forgetfulness. The massive contract

attached to his name is not Cano's fault. When he signed on the dotted line with the Mariners in 2013. his value was such that a struggling team was willing to accept his warts to reenter contention, no matter the exorbitant cost. But fast forward to 2022 and the Mets find themselves in a similar position of trying to figure out how Cano fits into their plan - even though they are not as desperate as Seattle was eight years ago albeit with much less shine on his superstar status.

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Safety Tip of the Day

Although fire extinguishers can have a long shelf life, they do eventually expire - and once they do, they are useless in a fire. Make sure you check the expiration date on your fire extinguishers and keep them updated.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Tomlin: 'All options' on table at QB



For the first time in Mike Tomlin's long tenure as the head coach of the Steelers. he enters the offseason unsure of who his starting quarterback will be in the fall. The only certainty is that it won't be Ben Roethlisberger, who has given every indication he will retire after an 18-year career. Maybe it'll be Mason

Rudolph, who has spent four years as an understudy with mixed results and is currently the only quarterback on the roster under contract for next season. Maybe it'll be Dwayne Haskins, who flamed out in Washington before being given a lifeline by Tomlin last January. Maybe it'll be a rookie. Or maybe a veteran free agent in need of a job. To Tomlin, it's a little exciting. And yeah, maybe a little weird. "It's a challenge, man," Tomlin said Tuesday after his 15th season at the helm ended with a thud in a blowout loss to the Chiefs in the opening round of the playoffs. "It kind of makes you uneasy. But I've learned to run to those challenges. I've learned to appreciate those challenges. The uncertainty surrounding them is inspiring to me in terms of producing work."

Hammon relishes shot at WNBA job



Becky Hammon said she has always followed her heart and not worried about what other people think of her decisions. There were concerns when she chose to play at Colorado State instead of a bigger school. There was backlash about her playing for Russia in the Olympics and now she has heard rumblings about

leaving the NBA and coach the WNBA's Las Vegas Aces. "My heart was saying it was time to go. This is where I am supposed to be right now," she said in a phone interview with AP. She spent eight years as an assistant for the Spurs becoming the first fulltime female coach in NBA history. She learned from one of the NBA's best in Gregg Popovich and now feels it is time to for a different path, so she pivoted to the WNBA, where she played for many years. "Las Vegas sees me as a head coach now," she said. "The WNBA has called every year with job openings. ... I've always said thank you I'm very flattered, but stayed on this path." She's proud of her still-being-written legacy as a trailblazer, having interviewed for several NBA head coaching jobs. But for now, her dream of becoming the first woman to lead an NBA team is on hold.

Madrid soccer great Gento dies at 88



Francisco "Paco" Gento, a former Real Madrid great who is the only soccer player to win six European Cup titles, has died. He was 88. Madrid announced Gento's passing on Tuesday but did not give a cause of death. Gento played with Madrid for 18 seasons, from 1953-71, and his 23 titles with the club in official

competitions is a record he shares with Brazilian defender Marcelo, who tied him on Sunday by winning the Spanish Super Cup. In addition to the six European Cups, Gento also helped Madrid win 12 Spanish league titles. He played 600 games with the club, scoring 182 goals. He was later named honorary president of the club. "Paco Gento truly represents all the values of Real Madrid, and has been and will continue to be a reference for madridistas and for the sporting world," Madrid said in a statement. "He will always be remembered by madridistas and all football fans as one of their greatest." Gento, a strong and speedy left winger, also made 43 appearances with the Spanish national team. He played in the 1962 and 1966 World Cups. "Gento's loss will be mourned by the football community," FIFA said.

The Grizzlies' Ja Morant attempts a shot over the Suns' Devin Booker, right, and Chris Paul on Dec. 27. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY

NBA

A primetime player

Grizzlies' Morant rises to become MVP-caliber star

By Teresa M. Walker **Associated Press**

A season that started with All-Star goals for Grizzlies guard Ja Morant have grown far beyond that.

The third-year point guard has emerged as a legitimate MVP candidate. Opposing coaches use words like "special," a "true All-Star" and "one of the NBA's best players period" to describe Morant.

"I don't know any other way to put it," Lakers assistant coach David Fizdale said. "The guy is a superstar. I don't see anybody that's had a real true answer for the guy. What he's done against some of the best teams in the league, the best defensive coaches, the best defensive minds, has been really impressive."

Morant has had high expectations since Memphis drafted him with the No. 2 overall selection in 2019. He helped end a playoff drought leading the Grizzlies to play-in wins over the Spurs and Warriors to earn the No. 8 seed before the Grizzlies lost to the Jazz in five games to cap his second season.

Now he's helped the Grizzlies become one of the NBA's best. They have won of 22 of 27, including 12 of the last 13, and only the Suns have more wins than Grizzlies' 31 tied with the Warriors. They also has road wins over both the Suns and Warriors this season.

And Morant is a major reason why. Morant has improved his scoring each of his first three seasons, and he is averaging a career-high 24.4 points a game along with 5.7 rebounds and 6.7 assists. He joins Stephen Curry, LeBron James, Luka Doncic and Nikola Jokic as the only NBA players averaging at least 24 points, 5 rebounds and 6 assists a game. Curry, James and Jokic have a

combined seven MVP awards. "I've been working to be in the position that I am right now," Morant said after becoming the only NBA player this season to win consecutive player of the week awards. "I've just got to continue to keep playing my game. Continue to be aggressive out there on the floor and do whatever it takes for us to get a win."

Coaches around the league are taking notice.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Morant reminds him of Tony Parker with how easily the Grizzlies guard gets to the rim no matter what a team does to try to stop him.

"He also has a little mid-range game with the floater, he's starting to shoot the three ball well, his speed is uncommon and when you put all those things together and add unselfishness and competitiveness to that, you've got a hell

of a player on your hands," Popovich said. Morant has ramped up his scoring to a new level as well.

He became the first player ever to score at least 40 points in backto-back games against a team led by James in the same season and the first player since the merger with consecutive 40-point double-doubles against the Lakers, according to Elias Sports

Bureau. The Grizzlies won both. Morant came into the NBA showing the ability to slice to the basket or drive to the paint before dropping in a floater. He keeps increasing the creativity, including a spinning move after leaving his feet for a layup late in Monday's 119-106 win over the Bulls. He's also third in the NBA averaging

14.8 points per game in the paint. The guard uses his speed to zoom down the court to finish fast breaks, putting him second in the league averaging 4.3 points per game.

What other coaches are saying: - Steve Kerr. The Warriors coach believes Morant's confidence is at an all-time high.

"We caught him last year on kind of a lull, and he struggled in a few games when we were here," Kerr said. "Even though he was great over the course of the year, I think he's (consistent) night in and night out and that's the sign of a true all-star, top level player, which he is."

Morant spent the offseason working on his game, especially his 3-point shot. He's shooting a career-best 35.5% beyond the arc.

Timberwolves coach Chris Finch. He calls Morant fearless and an uncanny shotmaker who can make tough shots.

"At the end of the game, he can make the tough shots, draw the contact, make the right play," Finch said. "He can get to the rim and make the shot in the paint and has great closing ability."

That's why the Grizzlies turn to Morant needing a bucket at the end of games. Morant drove through three Suns for the winning bucket Dec. 27 in the final second on the clock and says he welcomes that pressure.

"It feels like that's when I shine the most," Morant said. "I like to be the one to take that shot, make or miss, just have to deal with it. I can't help it.'

AP Freelance Writer Clay Bailey in Memphis contributed to this report.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Murray wins in Australia for 1st time since 2017

By John Pye | Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Five years and five long sets later, five-time Australian Open runner-up Andy Murray finally has won another match at the season-opening Grand Slam tournament.

The former No. 1-ranked Murray, playing thanks to a wild-card invitation as he continues his career comeback from hip operations and thoughts of retirement, beat 21st-seeded Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-4 on Tuesday to reach the second round at Melbourne Park.

He lost a five-setter in the first round in 2019 — a match he, and everyone else, thought might have been his last in Australia — after missing the 2018 edition with an injury. He missed the 2020 tournament with a pelvic injury and last year's event because of COVID-19.

"It's been a tough three, four years. Put in a lot of work to get back here," Murray said in his post-match TV interview at John Cain Arena, which was formerly known as Hisense and is parochially referred to as the People's Court. "I've played on this court many times, the atmosphere is incredible. This is the one where I thought I'd played my last.
"Amazing to be back, winning a five-set battle like that.

Couldn't ask for more."

It was Murray's 49th win in an Australian Open singles match, moving him ahead of Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl into fifth-place all-time. According to the International Tennis Federation, it's the most match wins at a Grand Slam tournament without winning the title, surpassing Lendl's 48 at Wimbledon.

Regardless, match win No. 50 in Australia is the immediate priority. He next plays Taro Daniel, a qualifier from Japan.

"I think there's things in my game I can do better," said Murray, who lost the 2010 final to Roger Federer and four others to Novak Djokovic. "Would love to have a deep run here, if possible.

"It's something I've not had in one of the Slams since I've come back from the injury, and it's something that's Murray's wasn't the only dramatic five-setter that

finished in the early evening on Day 2.

Ninth-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime fended off Emil Ruusuvuori 6-4, 0-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, and Maxime Cressy overcame 20 double-faults to upset fellow American and No. 22-seeded John Isner 7-6 (2), 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-7 (4), 6-4.

Second-seeded Daniil Medvedev, one of the biggest potential beneficiaries of Djokovic's deportation, had a much more routine first round. Nine-time champion Djokovic was already back in

Serbia — two days after losing his legal challenge to stay in Australia despite being unvaccinated against COVID-19 - when Medvedev went into Rod Laver Arena for a 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (3) win over Henri Laaksonen.

On the women's side, 19-year-old Canadian Leylah Fernandez lost 6-2, 6-4 to 133rd-ranked wild-card entry Maddison Inglis in her first Grand Slam match since her runner-up finish at the U.S. Open.

The venue and the vibe were a long way from her run to the final against Emma Raducanu at Flushing Meadows last September. Raducanu fared better in her debut at the Australian

Open. The 17th-seeded Briton beating 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens 6-0, 2-6, 6-1 in a seesawing night match that brought the Day 2 program to a close.

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO WEDNESDAY: Top-ranked Ash Barty and defending champion Naomi Osaka play their second-round matches as they head toward a possible meeting in the fourth round at Melbourne Park. Rafael Nadal, seeking a record 21st Grand Slam singles title, also is in action. Nadal is tied with Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer on 20 for the most by a man in tennis history. Third-seeded Alexander Zverev plays Australian John Millman in a night match.

TUESDAY'S KEY RESULTS

Women's First Round: No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka beat Storm Sanders 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3 Garbine Muguruza beat Clara Burel 6-3, 6-4; No. 6 Anett Kontaveit beat Katerina Siniakova 6-2, 6-3; No. 7 Iga Swiatek beat Harriet Dart 6-3, 6-0; No. 10 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova beat Anna Bondar, 6-2, 6-1; No. 12 Elena Rybakina beat Zarina Diyas 6-7 (3), 7-6 (3), 6-1; No. 14 Simona Halep beat Magdalena Frech 6-4, 6-3; No. 17 Emma Raducanu beat Sloane Stephens 6-0; Maddison Inglis beat No. 23 Leylah Fernandez 6-4, 6-2.

Men's First Round: No. 2 Daniil Medvedev beat Henri Laaksonen 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (3); No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas beat Mikael Ymer 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; No. 5 Andrey Rublev beat Gianluca Mager 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; No. 9 Felix Auger-Aliassime beat Emil Ruusuvuori 6-4, 0-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 11 Jannik Sinner beat Joao Sousa 6-4, 7-5, 6-1; No. 13 Diego Schwartzman beat Filip Krajinovic 6-3, 6-4, 7-5; No. 15 Roberto Bautista Agut beat Stefano Travaglia 7-6 (2), 6-4, 5-7, 6-1; Maxime Cressy beat No, 22 John Isner 7-6 (2), 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-7 (4), 6-4; Andy Murray beat No. 21 Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-4; Nick Kyrgios beat Liam Broady 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

STAT OF THE DAY

49: Andy Murray's career wins in Australian Open singles matches, the most by any man at a Grand Slam tournament without winning the title. Murray, a five-time runner-up at the Australian Open, won his 48th match here in 2017.

WEATHER



Mixed clouds and some sunshine breezy and milder. Light snow at night. South wind

LOW at 10 to 15 mph.

Morning light snow ending, sunshine.

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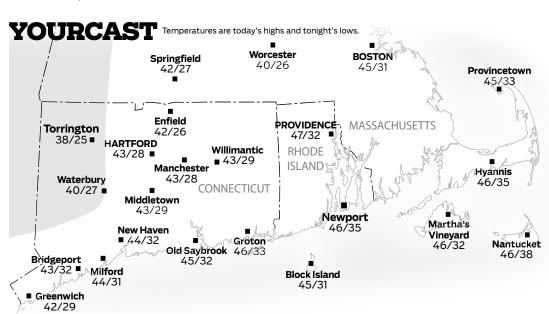
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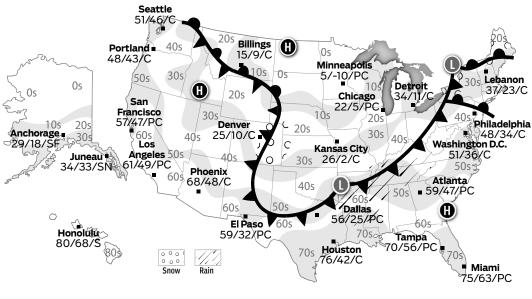
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OUTLOOK

A warm front crossing the region midday will result in a mixture of clouds and sunshine and milder temperatures as highs climb into the low and mid-40s, except Litchfield County which for the most part will remain in the upper 30s. It will be a breezy day with south winds at 10 to 15 mph. A cold front will cause areas of rain and snow this evening, then light snow overnight and into Thursday morning. A general 1 to 3 inch accumulation is expected. Some sunshine is expected for Thursday afternoon. Colder air will settle into the state Friday and Saturday.

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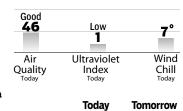
-Gary Lessor

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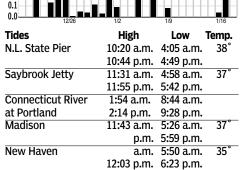
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Air Quality Forecast For Today



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Sunset	4:49 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
Moonrise	6:29 p.m.	7:35 p.m.
Moonset	8:38 a.m.	9:07 a.m.

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30-day Precipitation History In Inches

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a.m. 6:14 a.m.

12:07 p.m. 6:37 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	SW, 15-20	SW, 20-25	SW, 20-25
Seas	2-4 ft.	3-5 ft.	5-8 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	32 at 2:40 p.m	26 at 8:40 a.m
Normal for date	35	18
Record for date	63 in 1990	-17 in 1957
A year ago	45	29
Range this year	52	0

AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:



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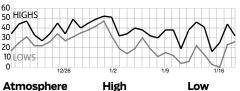
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For July 1 - Jan 18

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MONDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULT

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter WINDSOR 88, GLASTONBURY 46

GLASTONBURY (1-8): David Smith 0-1-1, Owen Peter-Trey Tennyson 2-0-6, Daniel Cantafi 2-0-5, Quinn Twombly 1-0-2, Jack Hennessy 3-0-6. Totals 19-4-46. WINDSOR (7-1): Tyler Betsey 6-0-15, Rashawn Tibby 8-1-18, Prince Samuels 2-0-4, Raymond Rodriguez 3-1-8, Quintin Floyd 5-0-10, Kaiden James 3-0-7, Johnathon Georges 0-2-2, Jakeel Martin 1-0-2, Brandon Rosemond 4-0-9, Johnny Pierce 2-1-5, Anthony Williams 1-0-2, Hunter Howard 1-0-3, Jordan Crain 1-1-3. Totals 37-6-88.

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Note: Tibby had 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 blocks, Floyd had 7 assists, 7 steals and Pierce had 10 rebounds. TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

BRISTOL CENTRAL 80, MIDDLETOWN 50

MIDDLETOWN (3-3): Chace Petgrave 4-0-11, Matt Steuerwald 4-2-12, Tim Vaughters 1-0-2, Omar Guti-errez 1-0-3, Elijah Wilborn 2-1-5, Quadir Murphy 1-0-3, Marshall Butler 1-0-2, Addison Brown 0-1-1, Nasir McDaniel-Cade 2-0-5, Justice Freeman 1-0-2, Branden Torres 2-0-4. Totals 19-4-50. BRISTOL CENTRAL (10-0): Victor Rosa 3-1-7, Damion

Glasper 6-4-17, Steve Alseph 5-0-12, Zach Vanasse 2-0-5, Aaron Brown 1-0-3, Jelani Walton 1-0-2, Carson Rivoira 4-0-11, Donovan Clingan 8-3-19, Julius Powell 2-0-4. Totals 32-8-80.

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CCC-Inter **BERLIN 68, ROCKY HILL 36**

BERLIN (): Marino Fanelli 3-2-10, Michael Ciarcia 1-1-3, Toby Lavender 5-0-13, Zack Skinner 2-0-4, Kyle Hyde 0-4-4, Kyle Pinto 0-2-2, Tanner Sparks 1-0-3, Jacob Ferland 0-1-1, Ryan Stec 7-4-19, Jon Damore 3-0-6, Jake Smalley 1-0-3, Totals 23-14-68. ROCKY HILL (): Yazdan Aftab 1-1-3, Tyler Carlstrom 1-0-2, Shiv Ghutadaria 1-0-2, Jayden Osei-Tutu 5-2-12, Casev Robinson 1-1-4. Jonathan Ruiz 2-2-7. Evan Sikorski 2-2-6. Totals 13-8-36.

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PLATT 82, SOUTH WINDSOR 62

SIMSBURY 44, ENFIELD 43

GRANBY 70. SUFFIELD 45 SUFFIELD (5-4): Jack Loos 0-2-2, Ryan Levis 5-1-11, Mike Coggins 12-2-26, Nick Sattan 2-2-6. Totals

GRANBY (7-1): Josh Brown 8-5-23, Justin Phillips 8-0-18, Ralph Rossi 3-2-8, Declan Lynch 5-0-13, Liam Heinze 1-2-5, Andrew Guilliano 0-1-1, Russell Brown 1-0-2. Totals 26-10-70.

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HMTCA 48, STAFFORD 47

Sheets 4-0-9. Totals 22-3-48.

STAFFORD (3-2): Logan Briggs 2-1-5, Evan McKay 1-0-2, Isaac Minaya 7-1-15, Mark McLaughlin 1-0-3, Gavin Mills 1-0-2, Zack Donovan 6-1-16, Drew Ledbetter 2-0-4. Totals 20-3-47. HMTCA (3-6): Seth Moore 3-0-6, Christian Smith 4-2-10. Evad Anwer 5-0-10. Josh O'Neal 6-1-13. Derrick 10 19 5 13 - 47 12 11 15 12 - 48

CANTON 63, EAST WINDSOR 58 **ELLINGTON 50, WINDSOR LOCKS 40 ROCKVILLE 59, SOMERS 46**

EAST HAMPTON 68, WESTBROOK 42 WESTBROOK (3-5): Brandon Naccarato 6-0-14, Joey Caslin 8-4-21, Jesse Whitney 1-0-2, Sammy Freemar 2-0-5, Evan McIntyre 0-0-0. Totals 17-4-42. EAST HAMPTON (5-2): Brady Lynch 3-3-10, Connor Michalowski 1-0-3, Drew DiStefano 4-5-17, Miller Koziel 4-0-8, Jye Lynch 6-0-12, Jack Blakey 3-0-6, Nate

Ireland 6-0-12. Totals 27-8-68. 14 5 17 6 - 42 14 23 15 16 - 68

OLD SAYBROOK 42, VALLEY REGIONAL 35 HALE-RAY 75, MORGAN 67 CROMWELL 55, PORTLAND 51

WINDHAM TECH 77, WILCOX TECH 57 WILCOX TECH (0-8): Griffin Nielander 7-4-23, Alex D'Errico 7-0-16, Efrank San Antonio 5-3-14, Bryant Soto 2-0-4.Totals 21-7-57. WINDHAM TECH (9-1): Anthony Cichon 0-2-2, Dezmen Gaston 1-0-2, Daniel Toce 2-0-4, Alex Johnson 7-2-16, Brody Belanger 3-2-8, Dylan Desautels 1-0-2, Danny Meikle 10-2-22, Joey Johnson 8-3-19. Totals 33-11-77.

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WHITNEY TECH 53, VINAL TECH 34

WEAVER 69, MLC 28

WEAVER (6-3): Stephen Wilson 2-0-6, Christian Walters 3-0-8, Regis Benn 1-0-2, Damar Artis 3-0-6, Mahari Taylor 6-0-13, Jamir Hicks 1-0-2, Cameron Kennedy 1-0-3, Madden Cupe 1-0-2, Nazir Nowlin 3-3-10, Chris Wilson 3-2-10, Savarrio Morgan 3-1-7. MLC (1-6): Alec Lorenzo 2-0-6, Trey Moses 2-2-6,

Ronald Baapogmah 2-1-5, Jarell Deer 2-1-5, Zamar Gibson 1-0-2, Alex Grice 2-0-4. Totals 11-4-28. Note: C. Wilson had 12 rebounds, Nowlin had 9 rebounds, 7 blocks, Artis had 6 steals, 5 assists. AEROSPACE 63, PARISH HILL 38 UNIVERSITY 65, INNOVATION 47

CLASSICAL 55, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 47

SCC SHELTON 57, CHESHIRE 44

BACON ACADEMY 50, GRISWOLD 44 GRISWOLD (1-5): Lucas Strain 1-0-2, Jacob Strain 5-0-13, Michael Strain 4-1-9, Evan Merchant 4-2-11, Jeff Souvenance 3-3-9. Totals 17-5-44. BACON ACADEMY (5-5): Sam Blumberger 5-1-11, Nate Harasimowitz 2-0-4, Ryan Claffey 3-2-9, Luke Grimord 2-2-6, Elijah Black 2-2-7, Quinn Johnson 1-0-2, Matt Lizotte 2-0-6, Keegan Appleby 2-0-5. Totals

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NVL ST. PAUL 43, WATERTOWN 33

ST. PAUL (5-2): Ben Bochicchio 0-1-1, Mekhi Petteway 2-3-7, John Gaffney 1-0-2, Dan Gaffney 1-0-2, Jamie Leggett 9-8-27, Matt Palmieri 2-0-4. Totals 15-12-43. WATERTOWN (3-7): Ny Wade 2-1-5, lan Cronin 1-0-3, Eric Forte 3-3-9, Sam Weidemier 3-0-7, Cam Guerrera 4-0-9. Totals 13-4-33. 9 14 10 10 - 43 9 9 5 10 - 33

Note: Petteway had 10 rebounds.

SMSA 58, BULKELEY 46

BULKELEY (1-4): Yariel Morales 3-0-8, Tyrell Malone 4-1-10, Edgar Santiago 3-0-9, Jephte Antoine 3-1-8, Martin Anonte 4-1-11. Totals 18-2-46. SMSA (8-0): King Shaw 5-2-12, Nizayiah Bogar 5-1-14

Hernandez 4-2-10, Zahkeer Kerr 1-0-2. Totals 24-7-58. 15 9 15 7 - 46 17 17 14 10 - 58

Note: Miller had a double-double with 21 rebounds and Shaw had 9 rehounds CONARD 49, EAST LYME 44

Abijah Miller 4-2-10, Kemani Thompson 5-0-12, Daniel

EAST LYME (6-4): Will Anglin 8-2-19, Gavin O'Brien 6-0-13, Owen Elmer 3-0-6, Riley Walsh 2-0-4, Rowan Mandell 1-0-2. Totals 20-2-44. CONARD (8-1): Riley Fox 4-4-14, Jalen Hamblin 7-1-17,

Ryan Bushnell 3-1-7, Declan McCann 2-0-5, Mike Weiss 0-1-1, Kyle Barnum 1-0-2, Jackson Morhardt 1-0-3. Totals 18-7-49.

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Note: Hamblin had a double-double with 10 NEW BRITAIN 45, NEW LONDON 44

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-North
NEWINGTON 69, BLOOMFIELD 15

NEWINGTON (11-0): Lily Ferguson 2-3-7, Karissa Zocco 5-0-11, Adriana Romano 1-0-2, Arianna Barnes 1-1-3, Emma Vumback 1-0-2, Nadjah Dalomba 1-1-3, Selah Prignano 4-2-10, Bela Cucuta 3-0-9, Lia Pouliot

1-0-2, Brianna Gadarowski 4-0-12, Ella DePase 2-0-4, Kendall Miller 2-0-4. Totals 27-7-69. BLOOMFIELD (2-5): Dejahlee Dogans 1-2-4, Nyasia Dogans 1-3-5, Tanae Spears 1-1-3, Marcelle James 1-0-3, Kyelah Smith 0-0-0. Totals 4-6-15.

19 14 17 19 - 69 3 0 8 4 - 15

Of **note:** Miller had 10 rebounds, 3 steals, Pouliot had 9 rebounds and Gadarowski had 4 assists. WINDSOR 51, WETHERSFIELD 47

WINDSOR (4-1): Hailey Rivera 0-1-1, Mikaela Williams 1-2-4, Amaiya Stevens 1-0-2, Summer Riley 1-1-3, Janet Woodard 2-2-8, Tyler Welsh 2-0-6, Jordyn Bay-Kent 2-1-5, Ayana Franks 9-4-22. Totals 18-11-51. WETHERSFIELD (3-4): Vanessa Venditti 10-0-26, Olivia Barnett 2-0-4, Bella Tomaino 1-1-3, Alexa Grenier 2-3-7, Alison Wagner 0-1-1, Ella Alger 0-2-2, Mackenzie Mori 1-1-4. Totals 16-8-47.

20 14 9 8 - 51 12 9 15 11 - 47

WE CCC-South BRISTOL CENTRAL 43, PLAINVILLE 34

BRISTOL CENTRAL (2-7): Ella Watson 0-1-1, Brooke Watson 1-6-8, Arianna Rivera 3-0-6, Lillian Sirois 7-8-22, Callie Lodovico 3-0-6. Totals 14-15-43. PLAINVILLE (1-9): Lilly Wazorko 4-3-14, Elyse Brown 1-0-3, Marissa Miller 3-0-8, Hailey Andersen 2-0-4, Sami Thompson 2-0-5. Totals 12-3-34.

MIDDLETOWN 66, BRISTOL EASTERN 48 BRISTOL EASTERN (3-4): Taigan Parent 3-0-8, Vanessa Drury 5-1-11, Ciara Collins 10-3-23, Leah Roy 0-0-0, Janessa Gonzalez 0-4-4. Totals 19-9-48. MIDDLETOWN (8-2): Shalyn Smith 6-1-14, Jada Bryant 1-1-3, Alexa DeSena 3-0-7, Tyah Pettaway 11-2-26, Tajahnae Brock 1-0-2, Shadae Bushay 4-4-12, Kaila Torres 1-0-2. Totals 27-8-66.

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CCC-Inter
LEWIS MILLS 31, HARTFORD PUBLIC 24 HARTFORD PUBLIC (4-7): Ty Mercado 3-0-7, Gigi

erry 2-0-4, Tiffany Crawford 3-0-6, Marisol Figueroa 2-0-5, T'shyra Morrison 1-0-2. Totals 11-1-24. LEWIS MILLS (4-5): Lauren Searle 2-0-4, Jordan Anderson 2-4-9, Riley Mills 3-0-8, Abriana Wroblewski 1-1-3, Cassie Martinotti 1-0-2, Maggie Lagana 1-0-3. Totals 11-5-31.

Weather Center

2 6 2 14 - 24 15 6 4 6 - 31 LM **GLASTONBURY 35, MANCHESTER 28** GLASTONBURY (5-4): Sydney Kehl 5-3-13, Kiley Feeney 1-0-2, Gisel Astiasaran 1-2-5, Skylar Fiske

2-1-5, Madison Handrahan 3-1-8, Lily Woodworth 0-2-2. Totals 12-9-35. MANCHESTER (1-8): Madison Boilard 2-1-7, Sanai Worrell 0-2-2, Tiara Tyson 3-1-7, Mia Gilbert 1-0-3, Elise Ryan 1-0-3, Olivia Westfort 1-0-2, Alayshia Bell 2-0-4. Totals 10-4-28.

15 7 7 6 - 35 10 6 8 4 - 28

RHAM 69, ROCKY HILL 39 ROCKY HILL (6-4): Abby Boutin 1-0-2, Lily Margiotta 3-0-6, Alyssa Gau 1-0-2, Katie Oostendorp 2-5-9,

Maleena Muzio 2-0-4, Angelina Daley 1-0-2, Christina DeNovellis 1-10-12, Christina Garcia 1-0-2. Totals RHAM (10-1): Maddy Evans 5-0-14, Sarah West

7-2-18, Ally Deckamn 2-0-5, Ailish Kleinhen 1-0-3, Lauren Fenton 3-2-10, Kathy Chapman 2-0-4, Taryn Brysgel 1-0-3, Katie Hancin 2-0-5, Addison Brown 3-1-7. Totals 26-5-69.

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NEW BRITAIN 47, PLATT 33 E.O. SMITH 51, HALL 31 EAST HARTFORD 47, CONARD 27 **ENFIELD 45, MALONEY 23**

NCCC

STAFFORD 38, HMTCA 11 HMTCA (): Nyasia Pitts 2-1-7, Deysha Rivera 0-0-0, Destini Jones 0-0-0, Michelle Sharp 1-1-3, Jozlyn Vega 0-1-1. Totals 3-3-11. STAFFORD (): Jordan Huntler 1-0-2, Raina Caro 3-1-9,

Ava Strickland 1-0-2, Camden Smith 2-0-4, Jaelyn Moulton 3-2-9, Drea Odwell 5-2-12. Totals 15-5-38. 0 3 5 3 - 11 16 12 2 8 - 38

Note: Smith had 13 rebounds and Oswell had 8 ELLINGTON 38, WINDSOR LOCKS 21

ELLINGTON (4-3): Sophia Vrakas 3-1-7, Julia Sternat 2-0-5, Allie Kozik 7-0-14, Hannah Kozik 3-1-7, Jenna Garrow 1-2-4, Jaela Garrow 0-1-1. Totals 16-5-38. WINDSOR LOCKS (5-3): Alana Picard 4-1-11, Carly MacDougald 0-3-3, Angelina Jones 0-0-0, Tristin Oberg 0-6-6, Jasmine Hurdle 0-1-1. Totals 4-11-21.

7 11 9 11 - 38 3 3 5 10 - 21 **GRANBY 40. SUFFIELD 29** SOMERS 41, ROCKVILLE 27

CROMWELL 57, PORTLAND 19
CROMWELL (5-1): Kayla Nappi 0-1-1, Grace Mikan
3-0-8, Cameryn Hickey 2-0-4, Jessica Grodzicki 9-0-20,
Nevaeh Clark 2-1-5, Adela Cecunjanin 9-0-19. Totals

PORTLAND (1-7): McKayla Wilk 1-0-3, Tara Fitzgib-bons 1-0-2, Izzy McClelland 1-0-2, Hannah Brunk 1-2-4, Kendra Schoeps 2-2-6, Sam Lasky 1-0-2. Totals 7-4-19.

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Note: Cecunjanin had a double-double with 10

/ALLEY REGIONAL 59, OLD SAYBROOK 25 OLD SAYBROOK (2-6): Beldina Feratovic 0-1-1.

Breleigh Cooke 4-2-11, Ella Hagelston 2-0-5, Sophia Barker 1-1-3, Kylie Lake 2-1-5. Totals 9-5-25. VALLEY REGIONAL (8-0): Abby Bradbury 9-2-25, Bitzy Klomp 2-0-4, Liz Allen 2-0-4, Olivia Cunning ham 7-2-16, Siena Schaller 2-1-5, Regan Grow 2-1-5. Totals 24-6-59.

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EAST HAMPTON 50, WESTBROOK 20 EAST HAMPTON (9-1): Amber Murphy 2-0-4, Olivia DeMartino 4-0-11, Liana Salamone 7-4-19, Jackie Russell 3-3-11, Jordan Murphy 1-0-2, Katie Ireland 1-0-3. Totals 18-7-50.

WESTBROOK (5-4): Jamie Sacco 4-1-11, Gianni Salisbury 0-0-0, Leticia Pires 3-0-7, Allison Braieczski 1-0-2, Alex Zanzalari 0-0-0. Totals 8-1-20.

12 10 18 10 - 50 6 2 5 7 - 20

NORTH BRANFORD 52, OLD LYME 34 NORTH BRANFORD (7-3): Hanna Senerchia 2-0-4, Elena Pearson 1-0-2, Braeden LeBeau 11-0-22, Keana Criscuolo 7-3-19, Delaney Norman 2-0-5. Totals

OLD LYME (4-4): Ava Roth 2-0-4, Kathleen Walsh 4-5-13, Melanie Warren 1-0-3, Ali Kyle 0-2-2, Alexis Fenton 2-0-5, Kelly Sheehan 1-0-2, Megan Loflin 3-0-6.

Totals 13-7-34. 13 11 17 11 - 52 NB 8 8 6 12 - 34

WINDHAM TECH 44, WILCOX TECH 31 PLATT TECH 42, PRINCE TECH 31

WEAVER 38, AEROSPACE 28 AEROSPACE (5-4): Julia McClean 9-1-19, Ashanti McClean 1-2-4, Tara Martindale 1-3-5. Totals 11-6-28. WEAVER (6-3): Nyla Young 2-0-6, Zariah Thomas 2-1-5, Nicole Linares 4-1-10, Enaijha Gilbert 3-4-11, Takyra Allerdyce 2-2-6. Totals 13-8-38.

13 10 4 1 - 28 8 8 15 7 - 38 Of **Note:** McClean had a double-double with 14 rebounds and Allerdyce and Kellisa Facey each had

10 rebounds for Weaver. **ACHIEVEMENT FIRST 35, MLC 15** SCC Guilford 41, Cheshire 24

LYMAN HALL 50, WILBUR CROSS 34 AMITY 47, SHEEHAN 35 MERCY 54, HILLHOUSE 46

BACON ACADEMY 62, STONINGTON 32 ST. PAUL 71. WATERTOWN 43

WATERTOWN 6-4(): Krista Kyle 1-4-6, Marissa Forino 5-4-15, Casey O'Toole 5-1-11, Paige Daigenault 1-1-3, Ariellus Velez 2-0-4, Isabella Beauty 2-0-4. Totals ST. PAUL (5-1): Haileigh Orzel 1-0-2, Sam Naples 1-0-2,

Audrey Tice 7-2-17, Izzy Leggett 3-2-8, Abbey Stanford 0-2-2, Nadia Reimer 8-0-23, Zoey Rubins 2-0-5, Emily Ronalter 2-0-4, Sarah Lindquist 2-0-4, Kelsea Tefoe 2-0-4. Totals 28-6-71. 12 11 11 9 - 43 15 19 20 17 - 71

Note: Tierpack had 7 rebounds and Rubins had 6

BOYSSWIMMING CCC-Inter WINDSOR 92, BERLIN 77

Granby

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connected.

"They're 11 great seniors. All of them play a pivotal role." The Bears jumped out to

an 11-2 lead in the first quarter but then went cold. Suffield went on a 8-0 run to end the quarter and trailed 11-10. At the start of the second quarter, the Wildcats (5-4) took the lead on two free throws by Nick Sattan. Suffield tied it up at 16 on a Coggins' basket a few minutes later but Granby re-asserted itself and Liam Heinze hit a 3-pointer with 3:45 left to put the Bears up 20-16. Granby led 27-24 at halftime and never trailed

"Suffield is tough," Hansen said. "Every year, it's a rivalry game. They're going to play physical and

hard. It's a battle.' Brown made a three-point play to open the second half and subsequently hit a 3-pointer and a fast break basket off a steal and quickly the Bears went up, 35-26

with six minutes left in the third quarter.

Phillips had 11 points in the third and Granby led 53-40 after three.

"We just had to find our rhythm," Phillips said. "The first half, it was kind of slow, we were missing shots, shots we could have made. We just had to regroup and play our game."

Phillips said the group of seniors has been playing together since recreation basketball.

"We've known each other for a long time so we know how to mesh together," he said. "We know how each

other play." Last Wednesday, undefeated Bloomfield came to Granby and handed the

Bears their first loss, 73-64. "We had a lot of pressure on us," Phillips said. "They're a good team. They came out ready to beat us. We were undefeated. We were missing shots also in that game.

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We couldn't find our groove

in the second half."